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ARMAGEDDON



**Understanding the one event that will
bring down the New World Order**

“They are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty”

Letter From The Editor

Welcome to the Vision Report Watch

I cannot tell you how much that its great to be back.

Many of you may not have known that I suffered a back injury which put me out of action for much of August and so I was unable to review much of the editorial that had been submitted for August. I apologize for this but can reassure you that the edition is ongoing twice per month for September onwards. I appreciate any inconvenience this may have caused. However there is nothing more frustrating than back pain and if any of you have this I can sincerely empathize with you and pray that Gods healing touch will see you through.

The first of this months edition focuses on “Armageddon”

I can assure you that if you were to randomly ask ten people from the public what their understanding of “Armageddon” is that you would get back a whole myriad of different explanations and conjectures.

Much of the publics conceptualizing of Armageddon is to a large extent influenced by what they see in the media. Therefore in this edition we will first examine the media’s perceptions of Armageddon and then contrast it to a true biblical perspective to identify the significant differences.

This exercise is important because for many editions we have been focusing on world government and the plans and strategies of the global elite and secret societies. However whatever the diabolical nature and intent of these plans there is conclusive proof that their implementation will be temporary.

It is likely that not all of you will agree with our assertions since even within Christendom there are significance differences of opinion regarding the meaning and application of Armageddon but we hope you will follow our sequence of thoughts and let us know your feedback.

All the best now.

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THE SECULAR VIEW OF ARMAGEDDON

The public's fascination with the Armageddon concept has resulted in a number of blockbuster movies released from Hollywood over the last twenty years. These movies having grossed collectively billions of dollars have played on the public's psyche of the earth being at threat from extinction.

However the definitions applied to Armageddon in the media especially in Hollywood have been generally used to describe a doomsday scenario where the earth faces destruction due to either major ecological or universal factors. Four of the biggest selling box office movies, Armageddon, Deep Impact, The Day After Tomorrow and 2012 all were based on a doomsday apocalyptic scenario.

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When a meteor shower destroys the Space Shuttle Atlantis and bombards parts of New York City, NASA discovers a gigantic asteroid will collide with Earth in 18 days, creating another extinction event. With the military, NASA scientists plan to embed a nuclear device hundreds of feet within the asteroid that, when ignited, will split the asteroid in two parts that will both safely fly past the Earth.

NASA contacts Harry Stamper (Bruce Willis), one



of the best deep-sea oil drillers in the world. Harry returns to NASA along with his daughter Grace (Liv Tyler) in order to keep her away from one of his young and more rambunctious drillers, A.J. (Ben Affleck), who has fallen in love with her much to Harry's dismay. Harry and Grace learn of the critical issues of the asteroid, and Harry explains he will need his team members, including A.J. to help advise NASA. Once they have been rounded up, Harry's team offers to help but only after being assured of being rewarded from an esoteric list of demands.



Harry and his team reoutfit the mobile drillers NASA plans to use on the asteroid, and Harry comes to realize that his crew needs to be part of the mission to assure success. NASA puts Harry's crew through a shortened rigorous training schedule. When fragments from the asteroid wipe out Shanghai and Paris, NASA is forced to reveal its plans to the world; they soon launch two military Space Shuttles, Freedom and Independence

Once in orbit, the shuttles dock with a Russian space station manned by Lev Andropov (Peter Stormare) to refuel. A.J. encounters a problem while trying to stop the fuel pumps, and the station is evacuated before it explodes, with Lev and A.J. safely aboard the Independence. The shuttles continue the plan, slingshotting around the Moon in order to land on the backside of the asteroid. However, while traveling through the debris field behind the asteroid, the Independence is punctured by debris and appears to crash onto the asteroid. Grace, watching from NASA headquarters, becomes distraught over A.J.'s apparent death.



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Freedom safely lands, though they find they have overshot their target area and now are facing hard iron plate to drill through. They lose a significant amount of time and spare equipment in their attempt, and then lose their entire driller and another crew member when they strike a gas pocket.

When they report their failure to NASA, Harry's team learn that the military had implemented a backup plan of igniting the bomb on the surface of the asteroid regardless of the team's safety. Both Harry and Dan work to disable this option, knowing it would have no effect on the asteroid's path. They all soon discover that A.J., Lev, and "Bear" (Michael Clarke Duncan, another of Harry's crew) made the Independence crash alive, and have driven the other driller to the drilling site. Harry puts his trust in A.J., who is able to drill to the required depth for the charge.

As the asteroid moves dangerously close to the earth, it begins to heat up and make the surface conditions extremely dangerous. When they try to plant the bomb, the triggering mechanism is damaged, and one person will be forced to stay behind to trigger it manually. A.J. draws the short straw, but as he and Harry descend to the air lock, Harry rips part of A.J.'s suit and tells him that he trusts him well enough now to marry Grace, and then takes the responsibility of detonating the bomb.

Harry contacts Grace and says his last goodbyes, then recounts his life as the Freedom moves to safe distance, before triggering the bomb. The asteroid, as predicted, breaks into two and both halves miss the Earth. The Freedom lands, and the surviving crew are treated as heroes.

DEEP IMPACT

Deep Impact is a 1998 science-fiction disaster-drama film released by Paramount Pictures and DreamWorks in the United States on May 8, 1998. It was directed by Mimi Leder and stars Elijah Wood, Téa Leoni, Morgan Freeman and Robert Duvall. The plot describes the attempts to prepare for and destroy a 7-mile wide comet, which is expected to collide with the Earth and cause a mass extinction.

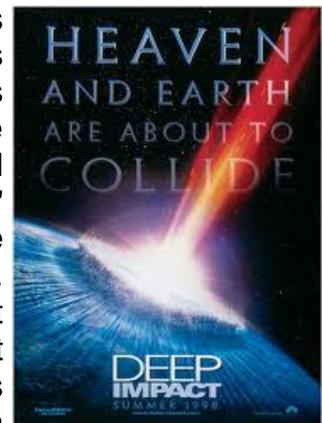


President of the United States Tom Beck (Morgan Freeman) reveals to the public that the United States government learned a year ago from scientific records about A

comet's existence and announces the grim facts: The comet—named Wolf-Biederman—is 7 miles (11 km) wide, large enough to destroy all life if it strikes Earth. The United States and Russia have been secretly constructing in orbit the spacecraft Messiah, which they plan to send on a mission to destroy the comet with nuclear weapons. Life changes drastically worldwide, and both Leo and Lerner become celebrities.

After landing on the comet, the Messiah crew members plant nuclear bombs 100 meters beneath the surface; one crew member dies while another is seriously injured. When the bombs are detonated, Messiah is damaged and loses contact with Earth. Instead of being destroyed the comet splits into two smaller rocks nicknamed "Biederman" (1.5 miles (2.4 km) wide) and "Wolf" (6 miles (9.7 km) wide), both still world-threatening.

Beck acknowledges Messiah's failure, declares martial law, and announces that governments worldwide are building underground shelters. The United States' national refuge is in the limestone caves of Missouri. The US government conducts a lottery to select 800,000 ordinary Americans aged 50 and under to join 200,000 pre-selected scientists, engineers, teachers, artists, soldiers, and officials.



A last-ditch effort to use Earth's missile-borne nuclear weapons to deflect the two chunks of the comet fails. The Biederman fragment impacts in the Atlantic Ocean near Bermuda, creating an enormous, supersonic megatsunami. Millions of people along the Atlantic coasts of North and South America, Europe, and Africa die.

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The world braces for the impact of Wolf in western Canada, which will create a cloud of dust that will block out the sun for two years. This in turn will destroy all remaining life aside from that which has been evacuated underground, but Messiah—believed lost—reaches the fragment and enters a fissure to blow itself up, which breaks Wolf into much smaller pieces; these burn up in Earth's atmosphere, sparing humanity.

THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW



The Day After Tomorrow is a 2004 American science-fiction disaster film that depicts the catastrophic effects of global warming in a series of extreme weather events that usher in a new ice age. It did well at the box office, grossing \$542,771,772 internationally.

Domestically, it is the sixth highest grossing movie not to be #1 in the US box office (behind My Big Fat Greek Wedding, Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel, Alvin and the Chipmunks, Sherlock Holmes, and Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs), but worldwide, it is third behind only Ice Age 3 and Casino Royale. The movie was filmed in Montreal, and is the highest grossing Hollywood film in history to be filmed in Canada (if adjusted for inflation).

Across the world, violent weather causes mass destruction, including a snowstorm greatly impacting New Delhi, a hailstorm ultimately destroying Tokyo, Japan, and a large outbreak of tornadoes wrecking Los Angeles. The U.S. President (Perry King), authorizes the FAA to suspend air traffic over the United States due to severe turbulence. The situation worsens when three massive hurricane-like blizzard superstorms begin to form over the northern hemisphere, with their eyes pulling down super-cooled air that

causes anything in contact with it to instantly freeze, thus heralding the predicted ice age in seven to ten days.

Unfortunately, the storm worsens, forcing subways and Grand Central Station to close. As the storm worsens in Manhattan, a tidal wave of overwhelming size (up to the neck of the Statue of Liberty) impacts the island, causing major flooding.

While the survivors in the Northern United States are forced to stay inside due to the storm, the President orders to evacuate the southern half of the country, The U.S. President's motorcade is fatally caught in the superstorm, leaving the U.S. Vice President in charge. The eye of the superstorm begins to pass over New York city with its $-150\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$ ($-101\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$) temperatures, and the entire New York City skyline begins to freeze.

The movie concludes with two astronauts looking down at Earth from the International Space Station, showing most of the northern hemisphere covered in ice, and a major reduction in pollution.

2012



The Movie “2012” was released in November 2009 and in doing so has intensified the debate regarding the year 2012 as being the year when a major ecological change will take place which will have significant ramifications for making.

The movie begins in the year 2009, when Dr. Adrian Helmsley, an American geologist, visits astrophysicist Dr. Satnam Tsurutani in India and learns that neutrinos from a massive solar flare are causing the temperature of the Earth's core to increase rapidly. Adrian informs White House Chief of Staff Carl Anheuser and United States President Thomas Wilson that this will trigger a catastrophic chain of natural disasters. In 2010, Wilson, along with other international leaders, begins a massive, secret project intended to ensure humanity's survival.

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Approximately 400,000 people are chosen to board ships called "arks" that are constructed at Cho Ming, Tibet in the Himalayas. Additional funding for the project is raised by selling tickets to the private sector for €1 billion per person. By 2011, they start secretly moving humanity's valuable treasures to the Himalayas under the guise of protecting them from terrorist attacks.

In 2012, Jackson Curtis is a science fiction writer in Los Angeles who works part-time as a limousine driver for Russian billionaire Yuri Karpov. Jackson's ex-wife Kate and their children Noah and Lily live with Kate's boyfriend, plastic surgeon and amateur pilot, Gordon Silberman. Jackson takes Noah and Lily camping in Yellowstone National Park, where they meet Charlie Frost, who hosts a radio show from the park. Charlie references a theory that suggests the Mesoamerican Long Count Calendar predicts that the 2012 phenomenon is going to occur. He has a map of the ark project in addition to information of government officials and scientists from around the world who were murdered after discovering information about the ark project and trying to alert the public.

The family returns home as seismic activity increases along the west coast of the United States. Jackson grows suspicious and rents a plane to rescue his family. He collects his family and Gordon as the Earth crust displacement begins, and they narrowly escape Los Angeles using a Cessna 340 as the city slides into the Pacific Ocean.

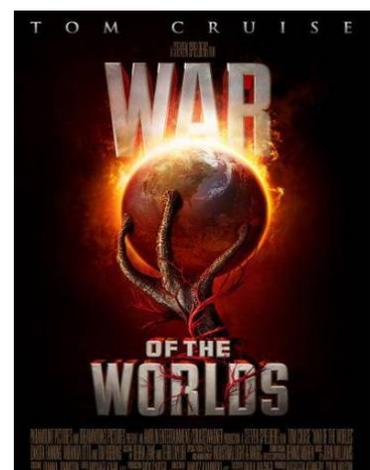
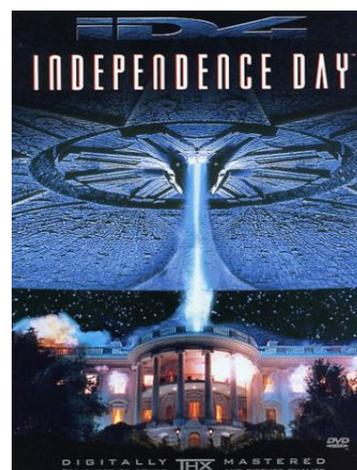
As millions die in cataclysmic earthquakes worldwide, the group flies to Yellowstone to retrieve Charlie's map, escaping as the Yellowstone Caldera erupts. Staying behind to broadcast the eruption, Charlie is killed in the blast. Learning the arks are in China, the group lands in Las Vegas. They meet Yuri, his twin sons, girlfriend Tamara and pilot Sasha. The group secures an Antonov 500 aircraft and departs for China. Also heading for the arks aboard Air Force One are Anheuser, Helmsley, and First Daughter Laura Wilson. President Wilson chooses to remain in Washington, D.C. and is killed by a megatsunami which sends the USS John F. Kennedy crashing into the White House. With the Vice President dead and the Speaker of the House missing, Anheuser assumes de facto leadership of the United States.

Arriving in China in a crash landing that kills Sasha, the group is spotted by the People's Liberation Army. Yuri and his sons, possessing tickets, are taken to the arks. The Curtis family, Gordon and Tamara, none of whom possess tickets, are picked up by Nima, a Buddhist monk on his way to the arks. They stowaway with the help of Nima's brother, Tenzin, who has been working on the ark project's construction crew. As a megatsunami approaches the site while thousands of people attempt to board the final ark, a large impact driver becomes lodged between the gears of the ark's hydraulics chamber, preventing a boarding gate from closing and rendering the ship unable to start its engines. In the ensuing chaos Yuri, Gordon and Tamara are killed, Tenzin is wounded and the flooding ark is set adrift. Jackson and Noah free the impact driver from the closing mechanism and the crew regains control of the ark, preventing a collision with Mount Everest.

After floodwaters from the tsunamis recede, three arks set sail for the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa, where the Drakensberg Mountains have risen in relation to sea level. Jackson reconciles with his family and Adrian starts a relationship with Laura. The Earth is shown from space, revealing a radically changed continental landscape.

THE EXTRA TERRESTRIAL FACTOR

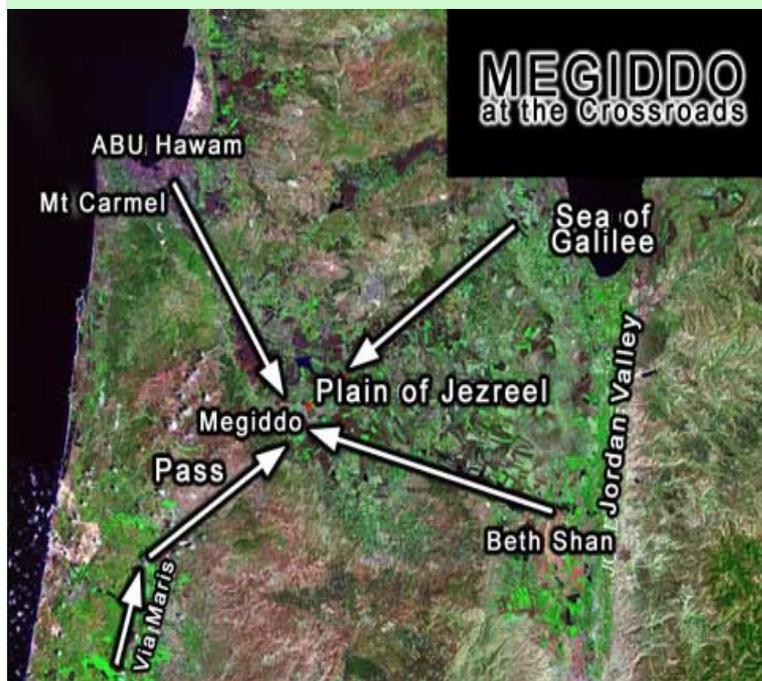
The secularisation of the Armageddon theme has also resulted in several blockbuster movies which incorporate the involvement of extraterrestrials. Independence Day, War of the Worlds and Knowing are three huge box office hits where the apocalyptic theme has been in contrast to the ecological disaster pattern commonly seen.



THE HISTORICAL VIEW OF ARMAGEDDON

The word Armageddon appears only once in the Greek New Testament in Revelation 16:12. The word comes from Hebrew *har megiddô* (הר מגידו), meaning "Mountain of Megiddo". Megiddo was a site of great importance in the ancient world, as it guarded the western branch of Via Maris, an ancient trade route from Egypt to Mesopotamia. The town Megiddo in Israel is approximately 25 miles (40 km) westsouthwest of the southern tip of the Sea of Galilee (or Lake Tiberias to the Romans) in the Kishon River area.

The exact location of the valley of Armageddon is unclear because there is no mountain called Meggido. However, since "Har" can also mean hill, the most likely location is the hill country surrounding the plain of Meggido, some sixty miles north of Jerusalem. Known as the Mount of Megiddo it is located in the plain of Esdraelon or Jezreel, a valley fourteen by twenty miles in size located to the southwest of Nazareth. Here, it is believed by many, a great final battle will be fought at the end of time.



Because of its strategic location at the crossroads of several major routes, Megiddo and its environs have witnessed several hundred battles which have been fought in that region. The valley of Armageddon was famous for two great victories in Israel's history: 1) Barak's victory over the Canaanites (Judges 4:15) and 2) Gideon's victory over the Midianites (Judges 7). Armageddon was also the site for two great tragedies: 1) the death of Saul and his sons (1 Samuel 31:8) and 2) the death of King Josiah (2 Kings 23:29-30; 2 Chronicles 35:22).

Ancient Megiddo's gates and walls witnessed the armed struggles of Assyrians, Canaanites, Egyptians, Greeks, Israelites, Persians, Philistines, and Romans. Although Megiddo was not a fortress in the days of World War I, note that the critical battle enabling the British Field Marshal Edmund Allenby to wrest control of the Holy Land from the Turks occurred at Megiddo where he began his offensive against them on September 18, 1918.

The site was inhabited from 7000 BC to 500 BC. Modern Megiddo is nearby. The neighboring Mount Megiddo (Har-megiddo in Hebrew), gave its name to the Armageddon of the Christian Bible. Today, Megiddo is an important junction on the main road connecting the center of Israel with

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lower Galilee and the northern region.

An interesting conclusion that can be drawn from a historical understanding of the origin of the word "Armageddon" is that it implicates the country of Israel. This therefore provides a significant basis to understanding the end times, the relationship of the New World order to Armageddon and understanding why Israel is an important piece of the puzzle.

Whereas the general media perception of Armageddon has nothing to do with Israel and everything to do with mankind trying to save himself from the forces of nature or in some cases an external extraterrestrial species, the biblical perspective of Armageddon paints a significantly entirely different focus one which is focused on a series of events that are geographically focused within the Middle East.

The great prophetic scholar, J. Dwight Pentecost has devoted an entire chapter to the subject, titled "The Campaign of Armageddon", in which he discusses Armageddon as a campaign and not a specific battle (as the King James translation "battle" paints an incorrect view of just one military event) which will be fought in the Middle East. Pentecost writes:

It has been held commonly that the battle of Armageddon is an isolated event transpiring just prior to the second advent of Christ to the earth. The extent of this great movement in which God deals with "the kings of the earth and of the whole world" (Rev. 16:14) will not be seen unless it is realized that the "battle of that great day of God Almighty" (Rev. 16:14)[9] is not an isolated battle, but rather a campaign that extends over the last half of the tribulation period. The Greek word "polemo", translated "battle" in Revelation 16:14, signifies a war or campaign, while "machē" signifies a battle, and sometimes even single combat. This distinction is observed by Trench, (see Richard C. Trench, New Testament Synonyms, pp.301-2) and is followed by Thayer (see Joseph Henry Thayer, Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament, p. 528) and Vincent (see Marvin R. Vincent, Word Studies in the New Testament, II, 541). The use of the word polemos (campaign) in Revelation 16:14 would signify that the events that culminate in the gathering at Armageddon at the second advent are viewed by God as one connected campaign. —Pentecost, p.340

ALTERNATIVE ARMAGEDDON VIEWPOINTS

Jehovah's Witnesses believe that Armageddon is a battle in which Satan unites the kings of the earth against God's appointed king, Christ. Unlike other Christian groups, Witnesses believe that the 'Antichrist' is not an individual, that the war is not one of nations fighting against each other, and that Megiddo refers to a symbolic gathering of all the kings of the earth.

According to The Watchtower magazine, prior to Armageddon the United Nations will attack all religions, and then focus their attack on the Witnesses, who will continue to preach. The world's leaders will then battle against God and his forces, provoked by expressions and signs inspired by demons; after they are destroyed God's kingdom will be established over earth for a thousand years. The final judgment and purification of the Earth's sin occurs at the end of the millennium.

The teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church state that the terms "Armageddon", "Day of the Lord" and "The Second Coming of Christ" all describe the same event. Seventh-day Adventists further teach that the current religious movements taking place in the world are setting the stage for Armageddon, and they are concerned by the growing unity between spiritualism, American Protestantism and Roman Catholicism. A further significant difference in Seventh-day Adventist theology is the teaching that the events of Armageddon will leave the earth desolate for the duration of the millennium. They teach that the righteous will be taken to heaven while the rest of humanity will be destroyed, leaving Satan with no one to tempt and effectively "bound." The final re-creation of a "new heaven and a new earth." then follows the millennium.

The idea that a final "Battle of Armageddon" will be fought at Tel Megiddo has had a wide influence, especially in the US. According to Donald E. Wagner, Professor of Religion and Director of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at North Park University, Ronald Reagan was an adherent of "Armageddon theology," and "seemed to blend his political analysis with his Armageddon theology quite naturally."

Muslims believe that the Islamic Prophet Muhammad prophesied several events to occur just before the advent of the Day of Judgment (Yawm al-Qiyamah). Al Dajjal (the Antichrist) will fool people into believing that he is God and ask people to worship him. True believers will reject him but will not be able to defeat him on their own. God will then send Isa (Jesus) to earth to fight the Antichrist in the battle of Armageddon, and he will defeat Al Dajjal (the Antichrist) and his followers. This war is given the name "Al-Malhama Al-Kubra" (the biggest battle) in the Hadith (appearing in the Sahih al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim collections)

In Ahmadiyya, Armageddon is viewed as a spiritual battle or struggle in the present age between the forces of good, i.e. righteousness, purity and virtue, and the forces of evil. The final struggle between the two comes as satanic influence is let loose with the emergence of Gog and Magog. Satan gathers all his powers, and uses all his methods by which to mislead people, introducing an age where iniquity, promiscuity, atheism, and materialism abound. According to Ahmadi teachings, the present age has as a result been a witness to the wrath of God with the occurrence of the First and Second World Wars and the frequency of natural disasters.[]

From Bahá'í literature a number of interpretations of the expectations surrounding the Battle of Armageddon may be inferred, three of them being associated with events surrounding the World Wars:

The first interpretation deals with a series of tablets written by Bahá'u'lláh, founder of the Bahá'í Faith, to be sent to various kings and rulers.

The second, and best-known one, relates to events near the end of World War I involving General Allenby and the Battle of Megiddo (1918) wherein World Powers are said to have drawn soldiers from many parts of the world to engage in battle at Megiddo. In winning this battle Allenby also prevented the Turks from killing 'Abdu'l-Baha, then head of the Baha'i Faith, whom they had intended to crucify.

A third interpretation reviews the overall progress of the World Wars, and the situation in the world before and after.

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12 The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East. 13 Then I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 They are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.

16 Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called **Armageddon**.

Over the last year the Vision Report Watch has spent a significant amount of time on providing evidence of plans to implement a New World Order. This has involved understanding various subject matters such as Freemasonry, the Illuminati, the Club of Rome, the Jesuits and providing clear reasoning that the world is heading towards a dictatorial global government.

However what will happen when this global world government becomes a reality? Will it just continue forever or is there a specific time that it will operate? If it runs for a limited time then what are the conditions that make its operation limited?

Whilst there have been many attempts by the secular media to take the biblical account of Armageddon and distort it from its historical and orthodox foundation the Bible is very clear about what Armageddon is and its context for the end times. The first and only mention of Armageddon is in Revelation 16 where it makes references to the drying up of the Euphrates River and the military movement westward of a military power known as the "Kings of the East".

THE EUPHRATES RIVER

In Late 2009 the Times Online edition ran the following articles

"Throughout the marshes, the reed gatherers, standing on land they once floated over, cry out to visitors in a passing boat. 'Maaku mai!' they shout, holding up their rusty sickles. 'There is no water!' The Euphrates is drying up. Strangled by the water policies of Iraq's neighbors, Turkey and Syria; a two-year drought; and years of misuse by Iraq and its farmers, the river is significantly smaller than it was just a few years ago. Some officials worry that it could soon be half of what it is now. The shrinking of the Euphrates, a river so crucial to the birth of civilization that the **Book of Revelation prophesied** its drying up as a sign of the end times, has decimated farms along its banks, has left fishermen impoverished and has depleted riverside towns as farmers flee to the cities looking for work."



The Euphrates is the largest river in Southwest Asia, it rises in Turkey and flows southeast across Syria and through Iraq. Formed by the confluence of the Karasu and the Murat rivers in the high Armenian plateau, the Euphrates descends between major ranges of the Taurus Mountains to the Syrian plateau. It then flows through western and central Iraq to unite with the Tigris and continues, as Shatt al-Arab, to the Persian Gulf.

Additionally, many are unaware of a \$32 billion Anatolia Dam Project in southeastern Turkey which began in the late 1980's & is projected to be completed very soon. The southeastern Anatolia Development Project (GAP in Turkish), is one of the most ambitious development projects in the world. It plans to utilize the waters of the Euphrates and the Tigris rivers with the construction of 22 dams and 19 Hydroelectric Power Plants (HEPP).

It also plans to divert the waters of the basin, with immense tunnels into the Harran field, where 1.7 million hectares of land are waiting to be irrigated. The GAP was created to develop southeastern Turkey, a region long ignored by the Turkish government. The Turkish government, as the upper riparian, wants to utilize the waters of the basin, which would in return contribute to alleviating Turkey's electricity and agriculture needs.

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One of the significant developments of the twentieth century is the political and military awakening of the Orient. The great nations of Asia east of the Euphrates River, slumbering for centuries, are now beginning to stir and to become a major factor in the international situation. The geographic immensity and the millions of humanity involved make it inevitable that any future development embracing the entire world must take the Orient into consideration.

In our twentieth century the major nations of Asia have thrown off the yoke of political overlordship of western civilization. Red China with its population approaching one billion is flexing its muscles not only against the United States of America, but even against its associate in communism, Russia. India, now independent of Great Britain, is likewise beginning to feel its strength. Japan is experiencing a great industrial revolution where the comforts and manufacturing techniques of western civilization are now an integral part of Japanese life. Lesser nations also are beginning to assert themselves, hoping for a large role in world affairs. Most of this has taken place in the last thirty-five years and developments continue to be rapid. Even if there were no Scripture bearing on the place of the Orient in end-time events, it would be only natural to expect them to be part of the world-wide scene.

The great nations of Eastern Asia have had no important part in the history of Israel. Far removed in geography and interests, there is no record of any past war between Israel and the nations beyond the Euphrates. Alexander the Great penetrated as far as India with his armies, but he left no permanent imprint upon the oriental world. The future, however, in view of modern rapid communications and transportation and the world-wide character of any military effort in the missile age, will be a different story.

The western world was rudely awakened to the power of the Orient by the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. During the months that followed, the Japanese army, navy, and air force dominated the Asiatic scene. It was only when the full force of American military power was brought into play that Japan went down along with its ally, Germany. The downfall of Japan, however, was followed by the emergence of Red China and independent India. The conflict between the United States and Viet Nam, although not large in extent, symbolizes that Asia is the number one problem of the world today.

In World War II the Japanese Yamamoto was quoted as boasting,

“I shall not be content merely to occupy Guam, the Philippines, Hawaii, and San Francisco. I shall look forward to dictating peace to the United States in the White House at Washington.”

Although today this is an idle boast, Red China and Russia are still dreaming of world conquest by means of communistic philosophy. No one takes lightly the possibility of a world-wide conflict sparked by the belligerence of Red China and other communistic nations. In this confused situation that has so many omens of future disaster for western civilization, a student of the Scriptures may well ask whether prophecy has any sure word concerning the role of Asia among the nations of the world in the end time.

Scriptures rarely go outside the confines of the ancient Roman Empire in predicting future events. An exception to this is the statement found in Isaiah 49:12 relating to the ultimate regathering of the nation Israel, “Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.” Although it is not possible to be dogmatic as to the precise reference of “the land of Sinim,” conservative scholarship has generally agreed that the most probable explanation is that this refers to the ancient land of China.

It is known that China for centuries was a great nation and had its own culture and extensive history long before Christ was born in Bethlehem. It is possible to trace some commercial relationships with China in ancient days as far as the Mediterranean and there is also evidence that some of the history of the Old Testament was known in China.

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Even if the Chinese had not penetrated as far west as the Mediterranean, the world-wide scattering of the people of Israel would inevitably have brought some of them to the great land of China. Under these circumstances, the prophecy assumes a logical and natural interpretation, namely, that in the end time some of the Jews who will be regathered will come not only from the north and the west, the more important directions of concentration of Jewish population, but also from the east. Although this prophecy is not related to events which concern the nations, it does indicate that the Scriptures recognize the existence of the Far East in relation to the Holy Land.

THE MAGI FROM THE EAST

One of the most familiar Biblical references to the Far East is related to the visit of the Magi as they brought gifts to the Christ child. According to Matthew 2:1, 2,

“Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.”

It has been commonly held from the times of the early church fathers that these strange visitors came from the area east of the Euphrates and probably from ancient Persia. The Persian origin of the Magi was suggested by such men as Clement of Alexandria, Diodorus of Tarsus, Chrysostom, and Cyril of Alexandria. Somehow the Messianic hope had been transmitted in some form even to this distant land. The star appearing over Bethlehem prompted their journey and inquiry concerning the birth of the King of the Jews. The fact that they wanted to worship Him and recognized Him as the King of the Jews reveals that the basic facts concerning the Old Testament were more widely known than is commonly realized. As in the case of the reference to the land of Sinim, the story in the New Testament gives added support to the conclusion that the Bible includes the Orient in its world-wide view.

A MILITARY INVASION FROM THE FAR EAST

In Daniel's prophecy of “the time of the end” beginning in Daniel 11:35, a king is pictured in the Mediterranean area who engages in a military conflict with the king of the south, the king of the north, and a military force from the east. Although

identification of this king is difficult from this scripture alone, in the context of other scriptures it becomes apparent that this King is the one who heads the New World Order whose foundation of control and influence rests on the European bloodlines of the Illuminati.

In a period of time prior to the second coming of Christ, major portions of the world will rebel against him. This explains the military conflict with armies pushing against him from the south, the north, and from the east.

In the prophecy it is stated in Daniel 11:44,

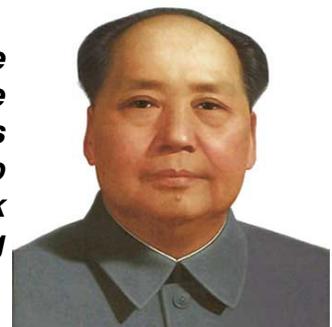
“But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.”

Although the information given is meager, in the light of the context it appears that these tidings concern a military invasion from the Orient. This is probably the first word of trouble in the Orient in relation to his world-wide empire and comes as an added blow to insurrection in the north and the south. It appears that he is victorious in his preliminary battles with the north and the south, as it states in Daniel 11:44,

“therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.”

But that the conflict is not completely resolved, is borne out by the fact that at the time of the second coming of Christ a great war is under way in which the armies are deployed over much of the Holy Land with the valley of Armageddon as its focal point. The statement in Daniel, however, introduces a subject concerning which there is additional revelation given in the New Testament that lends support to the concept that the Orient will have a place in the great world conflict of the end time.

“I have witnessed the tremendous energy of the masses. On this foundation it is possible to accomplish any task whatsoever.” Mao Zedong (Tse-tung)



THE KINGS OF THE EAST

THE GREAT ARMY FROM THE ORIENT



Two important passages in Revelation, namely, 9:13-21 and 16:12-16 contribute to the conclusion that one of the large armies employed in the final world conflict will be a military force of great power which comes from the Orient. The first intimation of this is found in Revelation 9 where it is recorded that John heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet,

Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates, And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them (verses 13-16).

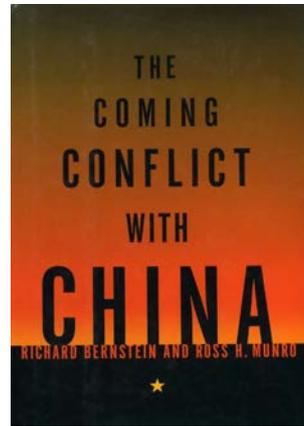
The passage goes on to describe the character of this army and the conclusion that one-third of the men were killed in the resulting military struggle.

Although all of the details are not entirely clear, the most reasonable explanation of this prophecy, related as it is to the great river Euphrates which forms the eastern boundary of the ancient Roman Empire, is that the army comes from the Orient and crosses the Euphrates River in order to participate in the struggle that is going on in the land of Israel. The information that it is prepared for "an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men" means simply that it is an army especially prepared for the day of battle which follows.

A most staggering statistic is the fact that the number of the horsemen is declared to be two hundred thousand thousand or two hundred million. Never in the history of the human race until now has there been an army of this size.

The total number of men under arms in World War II on both sides of the conflict together never was more than fifty million. Accordingly, it has been the custom for expositors to spiritualize the number or to regard the army as demonic rather than human.

The statistics of two hundred million horsemen must have been especially astounding to the Apostle John for at that time the total world population did not exceed this number. With the twentieth century and its attendant population explosion, however, the number of an army of two hundred million men becomes increasingly a possibility and with modern transportation and



means of supply, for the first time in history such an army is plausible. It is at least of more than passing interest that Red China alone claims to have a man and woman militia engaging in serious training numbering two hundred million (Time, May 21, 1965, page 35), precisely the figure mentioned in Revelation 9:16.

Although their militia includes the home guard which under present circumstances would not be thrown into a battle such as the one in Revelation, it at least introduces the possibility that the number should be taken literally. If so, this is an imposing statistic of the power and influence of the Orient in the final world war.

The deadly character of the army is revealed in their slaughter of one third, a figure mentioned in Revelation 9:15 and again in Revelation 9:18. Although it may not be intended to consider this as one third of the entire world's population, the implication is that many millions of people are involved.

Interestingly enough David Icke a global conspiracy researcher who is not a Christian, based on his decades of researching the plans of the Illuminati also believes that there will be a coming major military conflict between China and the West due to the fact that the plans of the Illuminati are simply at odds with the cultural and historical legacy of the China and much of South East Asia.

THE NEW WORLD ORDER WILL FAIL!

In previous editions we have seen how man's attempt to create a global government will be essentially a demonic influenced attempt to establish a New World Order in which the Middle East will become a significant focal point. There are various schools of thought with some believing that a rebuilt Babylon in Iraq will become the centre of an International United Nations initiative whilst others believe that with the rebuilding of Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem that Jerusalem will become the capital of the New World Order.

However the key to understanding Armageddon is that as this New World Order is formed that not all world regions will fully embrace it. This is one of the reasons why it is important to understand that when we speak of a New World Order we are referring to a political vision which historically rests on the aims and aspirations of the Bavarian Illuminati, ancient families of nobility that were positioned within Britain and mainland Europe who also then infiltrated the United States under the leadership of Albert Pike to ensure the United States also came under the control of powerful Masonic influences during the nineteenth century.

Whilst the Illuminati since the eighteenth century used the vehicle of freemasonry to extend its global positioning outside of Europe and the United States, the truth remains that the end time vision of the global elite today is one which clearly favours the historical and geographical dominance of world power within networks that are more easily controlled by the Masonic families of power. This is why many prophecy scholars understand the importance of a United States of Europe in bible prophecy with some believing that the vision of the great image in Daniel 2 confirms a refocusing of world power within Europe before the second coming of Christ, hence continual focus on the growing power of the European Union and Mediterranean Union.

However, when it comes to the Islamic world where Islam has a deep hatred and mistrust of freemasonry (Islam clearly associates freemasonry/illuminati as "political Zionism", a Western attempt to control the world and middle East using Israel as the key) and nations of the far east such as China, North Korea, Thailand whose political and historical ideologies are far different to the west, it should become obvious that trying to create a peaceful world government is filled with significant challenges when trying to pull in nations that have long resented the western world and its political ideals.

Evidence of this conflict of political ideology is one of the reasons why in October 2009 many of the countries of the Middle East, South America and the Far East began discussions about setting up their own international currency to compete against the USD as the dominant international currency. On Tuesday 6th October 2009 a report was published in the UK Independent, confirming that the Arab States, Russia and China had launched secret moves to stop using US currency for oil trading.

"In the most profound financial change in recent Middle East history, Gulf Arabs are planning along with China, Russia, Japan and France to end dollar dealings for oil, moving instead to a basket of currencies including the Japanese Yen, Chinese Yuan, the euro, gold and a new, unified currency planned for nations in the Gulf Co-operation Council including Saudi Arabia, Abu Dhabi, Kuwait and Qatar."

The United States was not party to these discussions in Hong Kong which also influenced Brazil and India to also voice their support for trading in non dollar oil payments. Ever since the Bretton Woods agreements - the accords after World War II which created the financial architecture for the world economy, the United States has dominated the global economy with the US dollar as the global reserve currency. It is now observable that with the global financial collapse of 2008 still being referred to as an Anglo Saxon disaster in which Britain and the United States are seen as the culprits has renewed the focus of the emerging markets to seize control of world financial influence.

Once we understand this global dynamic between different world regions it makes it easier understanding why the bible clearly defines four major regional powers at the time of the fulfilment of the New World Order in which three of the regional powers will rebel and facilitate a series of actions that will lead to a major war which the bible terms the "Battle of Armageddon"

THE KING OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH

11:40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

11:41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

11:42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

11:43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.

We have already seen that the bible makes reference to the “Kings of the East in association with their journey to the middle east made possible by the drying up of the Euphrates river.

However before this event, the bible clearly mentions that whilst the Antichrist (leader of a Masonic New World Order) is in Israel that the fragile world government he is trying to create will be tested when two major groups will rebel and attack him in an attempt to come against his authority.

Daniel 11:40 clearly identifies that a major military challenge will rise from the South and North of Israel (“time of the end” denotes it is a latter day event). Many researchers have identified the King of the South as Egypt based on the historical and literal interpretation of the term “King of the South” in Daniel 11 and its detailed account of the Ptolemaic (southern section of the Grecian world empire) dynasties that arose during the reign of Alexander the Great. The Ptolemaic empire covered more than present day Egypt and there is flexibility in the interpretation that Egypt may bring along other North African nations in this conflict.

The identity of the King of the North is more controversial. Whilst the mainstream tendency has been to associate the King of the North as referring to Russia and linking this to Ezekiel 38 (which describes in greater detail a Russian invasion of the Middle East along with an Islamic confederacy), others believe that a correct literal and historical interpretation is that the King of the North is Syria since all previous references to “King of the North” in Daniel 11 were in reference to Syria which was north of Israel and was involved in a power struggle with Egypt during ancient times over control of Israel. However if we see the historical map below it shows the Seleucid empire stretched across not only Syria but also modern day Iraq and Iran.

It could be possible that Ezekiel's vision of a holy war against Israel (Ezekiel 38) was in the context of Russia as the instigator of this alliance from the north whereas Daniel was more specifically focused on the Seleucid (Islamic) alliance from the north as continual extension of his prophecies already fulfilled from the earlier portions of Daniel 11 concerning Antiochus Epihanes one of the most notorious rulers of the ancient Seleucid dynasty which was directly north of Israel.



THE KING OF THE WEST



A REVIVAL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

Even though the Antichrist is not called the King of the West we can make the assumption that the empire from which he will come to prominence will be from the west of Israel since the power blocks which come against him in Israel will be from the north, south and east.

An interesting perspective to be observed is that if the ten toes of the image in Nebuchadnezzar's (Daniel 2) are in reference to the emergence of a Revival of the Roman Empire (the interpretation is that the two legs of iron represented ancient Rome whereas the ten toes are a future fulfillment since they are crushed by the second coming of Christ) which many believe that the European Union will fulfill, then it is interesting here that Daniel states in Daniel 11:43 that the Antichrist will conquer the northern and Egyptian attack and then extend his military rule beyond Egypt into Africa.

If one was to see the boundaries of ancient Rome at the time of Christ and 100 years after, one would see that the Roman Empire's geographical power had fully extended across past Egypt across the whole of North Africa capturing the whole of the Mediterranean basin. It would seem according to scripture that the latter day Roman Empire will seek to duplicate a geographical stranglehold that will mirror exactly that as over 2000 years ago.

Furthermore it is of great significance that Europe is now using France to spearhead the Mediterranean initiative to bring the nations of the Middle East and North Africa into a close economic relationship with the European Union. Could this all be embryonic steps of Europe's attempts dominate the nerve center of the world before deciding to fully conquer these territories through military subjugation when they begin to rebel against the Antichrist rule.

One may wonder why would the Antichrist be in Israel. This question ties into the significant premise alluded to regarding the fact that the world's most powerful Masonic lodges are financing the excavations around the temple mount in Jerusalem along with plans to rebuild the third temple of Solomon on the temple mount and witness the coming of their Masonic "Christ"

Considering the fact that the Dome of the Rock presently sits on the temple mount one could imagine the significant turmoil and objection that such an event would raise within the Islamic world. Some believe that the rebuilding of Solomon's Temple and control of the temple mount by a powerful individual who is supported by the illuminati and in league with Israel could be the spark needed for a literal holy war especially if there is a threat to the Dome of the Rock as a consequence of a Jewish temple being rebuilt.

IS AMERICA INVOLVED IN ARMAGEDDON?



One of the most commonly asked questions regarding the biblical version of Armageddon is whether the United States of America will be involved. However many ask this question because of a wrong premise. The incorrect view of many in Christianity today is that Armageddon is a war in which the whole world will come against Israel and therefore the question emerges as to whether the United States would come to the defence of Israel, remain passive or even worst side in the attack on Israel.

However we know this view is incorrect because the Bible describes that the Battle of Armageddon is a series of military campaigns between different world powers that will lead to a terrible climax with Israel as the nerve centre of the war. In the same way that the Ptolemaic (Northern Syrian Kingdom) and Seleucid (Southern Egyptian Kingdom) dynasties of the old Grecian empire warred against each other using Israel as a "piggy in the middle" such will be the same situation with Armageddon. Political and military alignments will lead to a terrible world war in which Israel will be the focal point. The battle is not against Israel (although the Antichrist will unleash significant persecution against the Jewish people) but rather the battle will be amongst the nations of the earth for control of Israel as the man made New World Order falls apart.

However the question remains. Will the United States be involved in this war since the scriptures seem to identify nations other than the United States which will be involved. Some have used the argument that since the originators of the United States were from Europe that the United States would be in alignment with the a resurgent United States of Europe whereas some believe that the United States is already under going a significant transition where it will eventually lose its status as world power due to significant economic decline. Furthermore some such as David Wilkerson believe that America will be heavily destroyed by Russia in a nuclear attack at the same time of the Russian invasion of the Middle East in Ezekiel 38. Wilkerson equates the destruction of a last days commercial Babylon in Revelation with that of America's future destiny.

There has been a significant rise in the number of evangelical leaders who believes that Barack Obama is implementing policies that will lead to the eventual undermining of the United States. James Jackson who heads the blog evenatthedoors.com wrote an interesting article about this debate in May 2010. He states,

"I believe that America has to become either economically or militarily impotent or both and therefore become unwilling or unable to protect Israel. The Bible prophesies of a war where countries surrounding Israel invade it to their own peril in the last days. No non-Arabic country in the world would take on Israel as long as the powerful United States is protecting it. If the U.S. becomes impotent militarily then there is no more deterrent to those who would destroy Israel.

Recent events have led me to believe that America may not only be on the decline economically but is also becoming politically unwilling to protect Israel. Our current government seems intent on increasing deficit spending which will lead our nation to economic impotence both nationally and globally. The unrelenting obsession with passing healthcare legislation regardless of its deleterious impact on the economy and future of America is perplexing.

Environmental and Immigration policies of this government will further weaken the U.S. economy and is equally disconcerting. I can find no logical answers as to why our government is disregarding public opinion on these economic issues and pressing ahead even if it means political suicide for many members of the ruling party.

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It may be that President Obama thinks America's sins against minorities throughout its history need to be atoned for and one way to do this is to weaken its free market system so that a socialist system might replace it. He did choose to sit under a pastor for twenty years who spoke against America's faults. Michele Obama made the statement "for the first time in my adult life I am proud of my country because it feels like hope is finally making a comeback." in regards to the acceptance and support of her husband's presidential quest by the American people. However, there may be a much deeper reason why America is pursuing what appears to be economic ruin.

It may be God's unseen hand that is leading America down this path in order to fulfill His prophetic will concerning the nation of Israel. He used Egypt to fulfill His promise to Abraham (Genesis 15:13). He used the ungodly Chaldeans/Babylonians to perform His judgment: "For, lo, I RAISE up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwelling places that are not their's." (Habakkuk 1:6) I would think that Mary and Joseph had to consider their mandated trip to Bethlehem a tremendous inconvenience and probably didn't understand what God was doing at the time. But for His prophetic purposes He used the emperor of Rome to fulfill the prophecy that the Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2/Luke 2:1). Thus, God could be using America's current administration to fulfill His prophetic purpose for Israel.

There are several news stories reporting President Obama's Administration's anger with Israel over plans to build 1600 apartments in East Jerusalem. The following headlines link to these stories:

U.S.-Israeli Ties in 'Historic' Crisis – "Top U.S. officials have lined up in recent days to condemn the Israeli plan to build 1,600 apartments in east Jerusalem, the sector of the holy city that the Palestinians claim for their future capital. The project caused a storm in Washington because it was announced during Vice President Joe Biden's visit to the region last week, badly embarrassing the U.S. and complicating its efforts to restart Israeli-Palestinian peacemaking. The Palestinians immediately threatened not to join upcoming U.S.-brokered talks meant to jumpstart negotiations after a 14-month breakdown..."

US envoy cancels Mideast trip, Israel feud deepens – "A U.S. envoy's postponement of his Mideast trip appeared Tuesday to deepen one of the worst U.S.-Israeli feuds in memory – even as Israel's foreign minister signaled his government had no intention of curtailing the contentious construction at the heart of the row..."

Obama runs out of patience with Israel – "The US is now said to be demanding substantive concessions from Israel after a warning by the Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas that he would not take part in talks if the plan to expand the mainly ultra-orthodox Ramat Shlomo settlement went ahead. The row has appeared finally to bring to a head the year-long tensions between the two governments since Barack Obama tried in vain to persuade the Israeli Prime Minister to agree to a total settlement freeze. He was thwarted by Mr Netanyahu who agreed only to a partial 10-month freeze, which did not include East Jerusalem..."

US may be seeking Israel 'regime change' – "The Obama administration's row with Israel over settlements has prompted some analysts to wonder whether it seeks "regime change," a new government that can make peace with the Palestinians..."

The Obama Intifada? – "Are we seeing the beginning (heaven forbid) of the Obama intifada? The escalating Arab rioting today in Jerusalem and the West Bank is undoubtedly being stoked up by the fact that the Obama administration has turned so viciously against Israel. Doubtless as a result the Arabs now smell victory within their grasp and may now unleash another wave of violence against Israelis..."

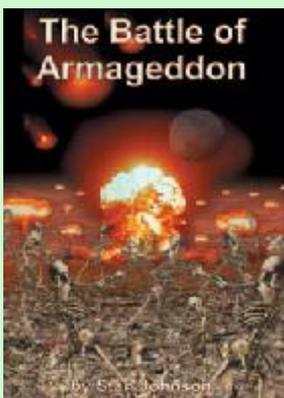
If President Obama turns from Israel in favor of the Muslims it may lead to a policy to where we would no longer protect Israel at any cost. A more likely scenario is that America will become economically unable to protect Israel. "

A SOPHISTICATED SATANIC AGENDA!

Whilst there may be significant debate about the exact details of the Battle of Armageddon it is possible to piece together a scenario as follows:

1. That the one world government agenda masterminded by the Illuminati requires the destruction of Islam. We have already referred to this regarding Albert Pikes "Morals and Dogma". A Masonic publication from the 19th century in which a demonic vision revealed that that three world wars were needed to bring about the conditions for a one world Masonic government to emerge in which the third and final world war would be triggered by a military conflict between Islam and the Zionist West.
2. This is consistent with Daniels biblical prophecy that this same third world war will be triggered by an attack on the Antichrist whilst he is in Israel in which a military power from the North (Islamic Alliance and Russia (Ezekiel 38 provides more focus on Russia's role and additional nations involved in this alliance such as Turkey, Libya and Ethiopia)) and a military power from the South (Egypt and North Africa) will come against him
3. The Antichrist will repeal the attack and through the conquest of Egypt as a gateway into Africa further extending his military dominance westward and southward into Africa.
4. We are not told how long it will take him to conquer much of the African continent but whilst he is in the middle of a tyrannical objective of military dominance he will be troubled by reports from the east.
5. A massive 200 million man army from the far East will have made a significant inroad into the Middle East, only possible by using the Euphrates river as a means of entry from Asia into the Middle East.
6. He will then return his focus back to Israel to confront the Eastern power that is set to contest him for control of the Middle East.
7. That Israel will be the central focus point of this war

Whilst these series of events may sound like something from a military novel it is important that these future occurrences will form the battle of Armageddon. Battle can be defined as a series of campaigns and we can clearly see that there will be a series of battles. Furthermore, whilst many bible scholars have defined Armageddon as a war in which the whole world comes against Israel we can see this is not correct. Whilst the Antichrist will also embark on mass persecution against the Jews in Israel when he is revealed as a false messiah this does not mean he will try to obliterate Israel from the face of the map. He will seek to maintain his control of Israel as he seeks to confront the Kings of the East.



What is the spiritual significance of the constant battles that will be taking place and increasing in intensity. We know it is satanic in origin based on Revelation 16:13. However why would Satan allow his world government to be thrown into upheaval by dissenting nations. After all, a satanic world government headed by an Antichrist was all part of his original plan. To answer this question ne must understand that during this period of time that a serious of major world disasters will shatter any hope of world peace as the judgements of God (known as the wrath of God) will be poured out upon humanity. The book of Revelation describes these judgements as vials of wrath. When the fragile world government agenda is hit continually by these major health, financial and ecological disasters it will create the conditions where nations will realign for common interests and break away from the yoke of the Antichrist rule.

Furthermore it is Satan's intention to thwart the anticipated Second Coming of Christ and possibly destroy the nation of Israel in the process. By drawing the full might of the world's armies into the Middle East it is a last ditch attempt to use the might of men to try and oppose the second Coming of Christ or through the final phases of the Armageddon war seek for the destructive element of the war to destroy Israel in the process and thus derail the coming of the Messiah to save his people. We have already seen in the past how previous leaders such as Ronald Reagan have commented on how quickly the world would reprioritise and unite to fight a common enemy from outside the earth realm. It would be very easy for Satan to plant the seed into the minds of men involved in bloody war that the coming of Christ is actually a UFO threat from space. it is at this time that the war comes to a speedy conclusion. Furthermore Satan places no value on the life of mankind and would easily sacrifice millions of lives through a bloody war for the sole purpose of trying to oppose Christ coming and destroy Israel in the process.

THE VIEWS OF JOHN F WALVOORD

The conclusions we reach are further supported by some of the worlds greatest prophetic scholars. For instance the late John F Walvoord one of the greatest scholars of end time prophecy states the following regarding the battle of Armageddon.



Three major armies are mentioned in the Bible, namely, the army from the north, the army from the east, and the army from the south. These three armies are combining their efforts to wrest power from the Roman ruler who may be considered as the king of the west, although this title is never given to him in the Scriptures. The focal point for their gathering is declared in Revelation 16:16 to be "a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon." Although various explanations have been given of this title, it seems to refer to the valley of Esdraelon also known as the valley of Jezreel located to the east of Megiddo in northern Israel. The word Armageddon actually means Mount of Megiddo from har meaning mount and Megiddo.

Scripture does not provide much detail on the characteristics of the final world conflict. The main significance is that they are assembled in the Holy Land at the time of the second advent and oppose Christ in His return to the earth. However, some indication of the nature of the battles preceding the second coming of Christ is given in Daniel 11:40-45. If the order of introduction of events is taken chronologically, it appears that the first stage of the battle is an attack by the king of the south. According to Daniel 11:40, "And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him."

In rapid succession an attack also comes from the north which apparently is successful. The Scriptures state that "the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over." This king of the north may be Russia. The force of his invasion is such that he proceeds through the Holy Land and conquers Egypt at least temporarily. (Some expositors, however, interpret the passage beginning in Daniel 11:42 as referring to the Roman ruler who is naturally to the north of Africa, rather than to Russia as the king of the north, i.e., north of Palestine, as this seems to be the main theme of the passage.) The warfare brought about by the invasion of the king of the north and the king of the south, however, is now followed by another phase, namely, the arrival of the host from the east.

According to Daniel 11:44, "Tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many." The arrival of the forces from the Orient described as an army of two hundred million in Revelation 9:16 brings on the last phase of the world struggle, and at the time of the second coming of Christ the war is raging in a number of areas.

Still another geographic location mentioned is that of Edom in Isaiah 34:1-6 and 63:1-6. Again it is not entirely clear, however, whether this is part of the battle or a subsequent judgment of God. In Daniel 11:41 Edom, Moab, and Ammon are specifically mentioned as escaping the full brunt of the battle.

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST



The following biblical scriptural references affirm what will happen to bring a closure to Armageddon.

Revelation 17: 12-14

12And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

13These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

14These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

Revelation 19: 11-21

11And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

14And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

15And 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.

16And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

17And 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;

18That 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.

19And 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.

20And 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.

21And 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.

Zechariah 14: 1-5

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

2For 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.

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

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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.

5 And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.

All three scriptures conclusively show that the closure of Armageddon will be swift and brutal. In fact Zechariah 14:12 provides a chilling and shocking insight into how Jesus Christ will destroy the armies of the earth.

¹² And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

Joel 3:1-16 references "the Valley of Jehoshaphat." Jehoshaphat means "Jehovah is Judge".

Joel 3:1-16 (NIV) 'In those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, 2 I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will enter into judgment against them concerning my inheritance, my people Israel, for they scattered my people among the nations and divided up my land. 3 They cast lots for my people and traded boys for prostitutes; they sold girls for wine that they might drink. 4 'Now what have you against me, O Tyre and Sidon and all you regions of Philistia? Are you repaying me for something I have done? If you are paying me back, I will swiftly and speedily return on your own heads what you have done. 5 For you took my silver and my gold and carried off my finest treasures to your temples. 6 You sold the people of Judah and Jerusalem to the Greeks, that you might send them far from their homeland. 7 'See, I am going to rouse them out of the places to which you sold them, and I will return on your own heads what you have done. 8 I will sell your sons and daughters to the people of Judah, and they will sell them to the Sabeans, a nation far away.' The LORD has spoken. 9 Proclaim this among the nations: Prepare for war! Rouse the warriors! Let all the fighting men draw near and attack. 10 Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears. Let the weakling say, 'I am strong!' 11 Come quickly, all you nations from every side, and assemble there. Bring down your warriors, O LORD! 12 'Let the nations be roused; let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will sit to judge all the nations on every side. 13 Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, trample the grapes, for the winepress is full and the vats overflow-- so great is their wickedness!' 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 moon will be darkened, and the stars no longer shine.

16 The LORD will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem; the earth and the sky will tremble. But the LORD will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel.

The destruction of the forces of evil at the Battle of Armageddon will result in blood running as high as a horse's bridle for 1800 miles (1,600 stadia). The referenced 1800 miles is the distance that these massive armies are spread out, with the actual point of collision being on the plain of Megiddo.

Revelation 14:17-20 (NIV) Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. 18 Still another angel, who had charge of the fire, came from the altar and called in a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, "Take your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes from the earth's vine, because its grapes are ripe." 19 The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God's wrath. 20 They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses' bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia.

Revelation 19 also makes a specific mention that the Antichrist and his miracle working religious leader known as the False Prophet will not be destroyed as the rest of the men who will try to wage war against Christ. Instead they will be captured alive and be the first individuals (whether human or fallen angel) to be cast into Gehenna, the eternal lake of fire.

It is at this point that the Illuminati New World Order will be totally destroyed and replaced by a new theocratic world government headed by Jesus Christ as the world enters a specific period of time known as the millennium. At is at this specific point that the Jews will turn to Christ in a national conversion.



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Barack Obama has an evangelical problem—he just doesn't know it yet. Since Jerry Falwell's funeral, Pat Robertson's withdrawal from the national spotlight, and James Dobson's retirement, many journalists and historians have joined the Democrats in dancing on the grave of the religious right. But the celebration has been premature.

There is no doubt that we are witnessing the rise of a new generation of moderate Christian leaders, including Rick Warren and Joel Osteen, who look more like Oprah Winfrey than Billy Sunday. Nevertheless, while the president has reached out to the faithful, he has yet to realize that he is dealing with a countercultural movement that at its foundation is obsessed with the apocalypse. But he will know it soon enough.

With the culture wars heating up again—fueled by a Catholic nominee to the Supreme Court, the murder of an abortion provider, the administration's positions on gay rights, and ongoing discussions about the environment—a surge in apocalyptic rhetoric is imminent.

The vast majority of American evangelicals interpret the most obscure books of the Bible (Daniel, Ezekiel, and Revelation) in a very narrow and particular way. They believe that when these three books are read in conjunction with one another and overlaid with a few of Jesus' statements, a hidden "plan of the ages" emerges. According to their decryptions, a number of events will transpire just before the apocalypse. These include a return of the Jews to Palestine, a decline in morals, religious apostasy, and the consolidation of independent nations into one super-state led by a seemingly benevolent leader who is actually the Antichrist.

During the last 100 years, evangelicals have witnessed more and more evidence of these prophecies being fulfilled. In the reigns of Benito Mussolini, Adolf Hitler, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt, they saw the Antichrist foreshadowed. The rapid expansion of the New Deal state and FDR's dream of a global United Nations threatened evangelicals' sense of religious liberty and national independence. For the faithful living in the 1930s and '40s, to support Rooseveltian liberalism or internationalism was to be complicit in the rise of the Antichrist.

In the late 1960s, evangelicals once again faced growing state power in the form of Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society" while simultaneously witnessing the apparent evaporation of cherished American values. They responded by reverting to apocalyptic jeremiads. This was most evident in the runaway success of Hal Lindsey's *The Late, Great Planet Earth*, the best-selling nonfiction book of the 1970s. At the same time evangelicals, although scorning Hollywood, turned to modern technology to preach Armageddon. The result was the cult phenomenon *A Thief in the Night*, an Armageddon-themed film that popularized one of the first pop Christian hits, Larry Norman's "I Wish We'd All Been Ready." The movie scared countless teenagers (and probably an equal number of adults) into preparing for the rapture.

Millennial fervor swept evangelicals again in the late 1990s on the heels of the two-term Clinton presidency. Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins published *Left Behind*, the first in a series of novels that grew into the best-selling series of the past decade (until they were finally overtaken by the true prince of darkness himself, Harry Potter). Films, music, and even a line of kids' books turned *Left Behind* apocalypticism into a billion dollar business. Evangelicals were well prepared then to view the terrorist attacks on 9/11 as evidence of God's judgment for the Clinton years.

So what does this mean for the Obama administration? Nothing very promising. Despite the president's desire to find common ground with evangelicals, he is unlikely to be able to penetrate the apocalyptic fears that have characterized the evangelical movement since the Great Depression.

Obama is caught in a classic catch-22. The Antichrist, the Bible explains, is going to

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masquerade as an angel of light. This means that the more Obama accomplishes as president and the more he improves America's image abroad, the more suspicious evangelicals will become; they don't want to be duped by the devil. Obama's talk of more cooperation with other nations, the possibility of a national health care plan, his move to nationalize some private businesses, and his goal of expanding protection of the rights of gays and lesbians will drive evangelicals to one certain conclusion: the End of Days are upon us.

So what can we do? Pray for the rapture. If evangelicals vanish, the rest of us might finally get better medical care, a healthier environment, a more just international community, and full civil rights for gays and lesbians. But short of this miracle, we can at least begin to understand that before Obama is able to penetrate the evangelical heart, evangelicals themselves will need to do some serious soul-searching.

Rick Warren and Joel Osteen's shallow, positive-thinking, feel-good sermonizing is not going to help them do this. Instead, it is up to the younger evangelicals to engage in serious intellectual debate and a rigorous rethinking of the theology at the root of their politics. Anything less and the doomsayers will turn fears of Obama-as-Antichrist into big business. But hell, maybe that's just the spark the economy needs.

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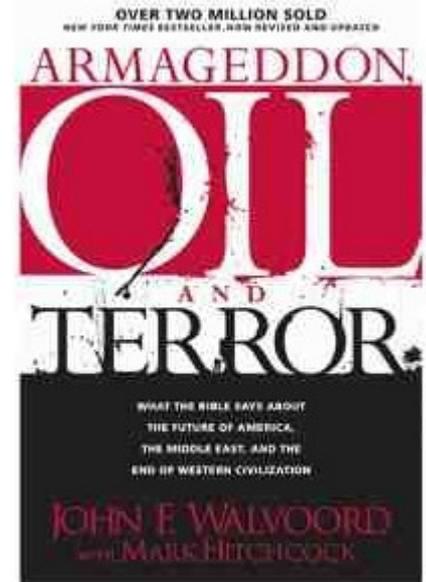


Book Review of the Month: Armageddon Oil and Terror

Mark Hitchcock worked together with John F. Walvoord to update Armageddon, Oil, and the Middle East Crisis (1990) and this is the product. The book is still written about biblical prophecy from the premillennial dispensationalist viewpoint, but it has been thoroughly revised to reflect the current situation of the 21st century, hence the new title.

The chapters are the following:

- Ch. 1 Why Prophecy?
- Ch. 2 Oil Becomes the Ultimate Weapon
- Ch. 3 Terrorism Reaches Everyone
- Ch. 4 Israel: Ground Zero for the End Times
- Ch. 5 The Decline and Fall of America
- Ch. 6 The New Pax Romana
- Ch. 7 The Russian-Islamic Invasion of Israel
- Ch. 8 The Coming World Dictator
- Ch. 9 The Final Holocaust
- Ch. 10 Iraq -- The New Babylon
- Ch. 11 China Flexes Its Awesome Power
- Ch. 12 Natural Disasters, Disease, and Famine Reach Everyone
- Ch. 13 The Last Suicidal Battle of WWII
- Ch. 14 A Promise to Remember
- Ch. 15 Scanning the Horizon



A brief overview of the most interesting chapters reveals the following:

Chapters 2 The authors go in depth about the vital importance of Middle East Oil on foreign policy of different nations and the connection of oil with the Gulf Wars

Chapter 3 The authors mention Al-Qaida, Hamas, & Hezbollah as well as the events of 9-11; all these events point to the coming fulfilment of the invasion of Israel by the Russian-Islamic Confederacy

Chapter 5 The decline and fall of America -- there are different options to take regarding biblical prophecy about America -- the key point is that America will decline and lose its prominent leadership role in the world, paving the way for the revival of the Roman Empire

Chapter 7 The Russian-Islamic invasion of Israel -- this is a big update from the 1990 version and previous works on prophecy. Here, Russian will ally with an Islamic confederacy to invade Israel

Chapter 10 Iraq -- the New Babylon -- the authors see Iraq rising in prominence in the future, as the future base for the Antichrist

Chapter 11 China -- China and India will rise in prominence, in fulfilment of the rise of the "kings of the east"

Chapter 15 Scanning the Horizon -- prophetic checklists are provided for the readers to see what the Bible foretells regarding the church, Israel, and the nations

If you subscribe to the premillennial dispensationalist viewpoint, you would love this work. It is completely updated and very informative. I especially appreciate the detailed revision which incorporates how terrorism, America, and China come into play with Bible prophecy.

It is much better than the 1990 version (America, Oil, & Middle East crisis). There are helpful charts throughout the book as well. Even if you don't hold to the premillennial dispensationalist viewpoint, you will find this book to be an informative resource. Highly recommended!