



The 7 “bowl judgments” of Rev. 16 are the final “plagues” God will bring upon wicked mankind before Jesus returns

THE SEVEN BOWLS

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Sores afflict those who accepted the mark of the Beast. Rev. 16:2	Sea turns to blood; all sea creatures die. Rev. 16:3	Rivers turn to blood. Rev. 16:4-7	Mankind scorched by the sun, blasphemes God. Rev. 16:8-9	The Beast's seat of government is afflicted. Rev. 16:10-11	The Euphrates is dried up; world armies gather to Armageddon. Rev. 16:12-16	The earth is utterly shaken. Rev. 16:17-21

1. In the last of days, God will gather the wicked to Armageddon

Rev 16:16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

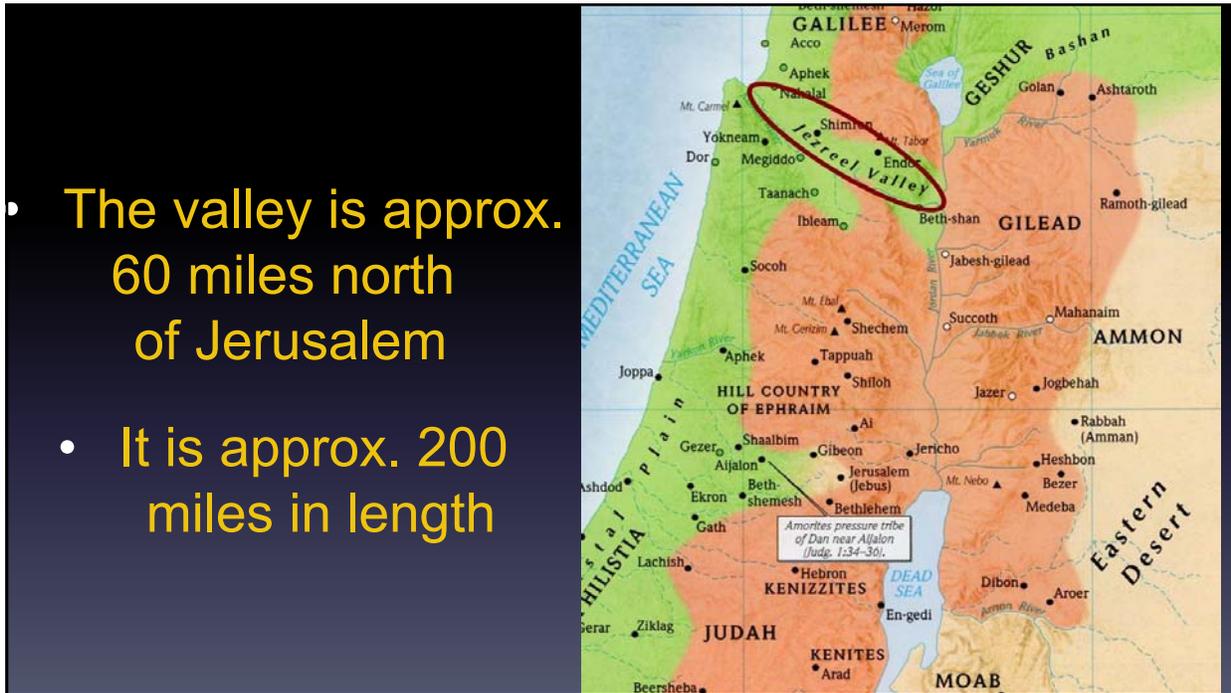
2. Why Armageddon?

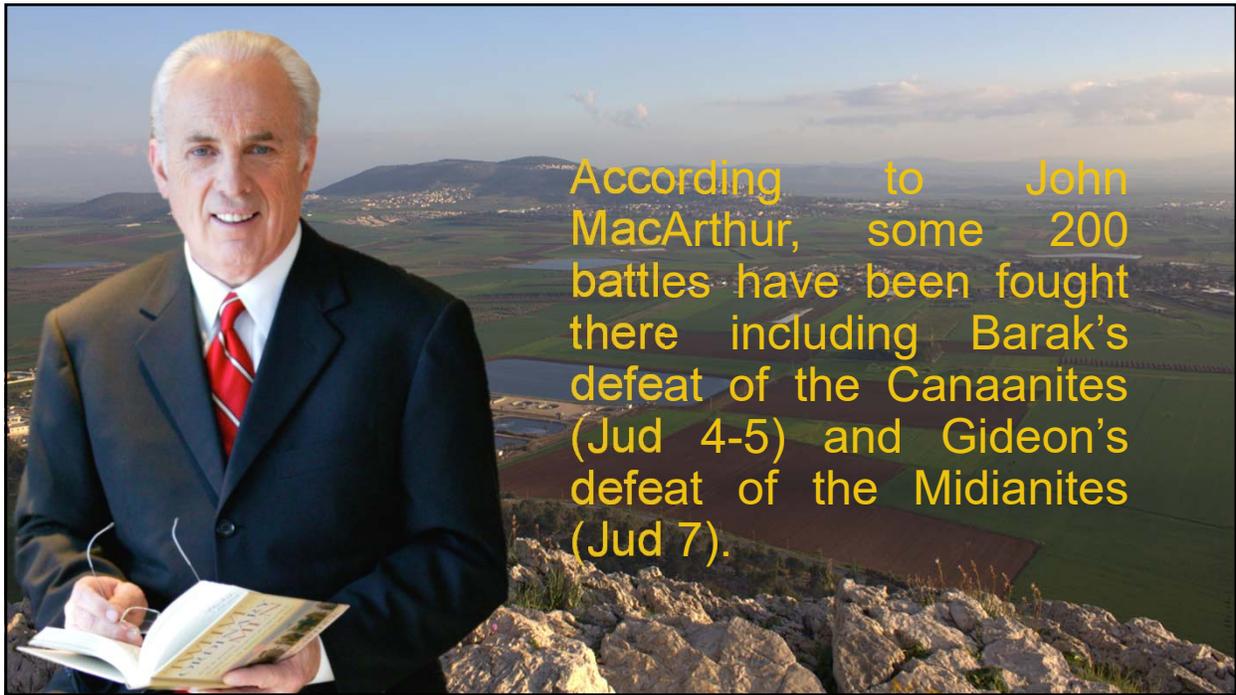
- **Har-Magedon:** Hebrew for Mt. Megiddo
- Referred to as the Valley of Jezreel and the Valley of Jehosaphat in the Old Testament
- Referred to as the Valley of Esdraelon in New Testament times (Esdraelon being the Greek modification of Jezreel)

Joel 3:2,9-13 I will also gather all nations, and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will enter into judgment with them there on account of My people, My heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; they have also divided up My land. ... ⁹Proclaim this among the nations: "Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near, let them come up. ¹⁰Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say, 'I am strong.'" ¹¹ Assemble and come, all you nations, and gather together all around. Cause Your mighty ones to go down there, O Lord. ¹² "Let the nations be awakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. ¹³Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; for the winepress is full, the vats overflow – for their wickedness is great."

Zech 14:2-3 For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. ³ Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle.

Psa 2:1-3 Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? ² The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, ³"Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us."





3. The fighting will be so lethal that in some places, the blood will be bridle deep.

Rev 14:20 And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.

4. Who will fight the Anti-Christ since he appears invincible?

Rev 13:4 So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who *is* like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

Rev 13:7 It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

During the Great Tribulation, the Anti-Christ rules supreme, but as the years pass and his kingdom begins to strain and fail in the face of God's judgments, the peoples of the world will tire of his control and will apparently mount an attempt to overthrow him.

Daniel 11:36-45 "Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done. ... ³⁸But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; ... ³⁹Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain. ⁴⁰"At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through. ⁴¹He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown; ... ⁴⁴But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many. ⁴⁵And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.

5. Jesus will return at the height of this epic battle

Rev 19:11,15 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. ... ¹⁵Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

6. Amazingly, as Jesus does return, the Anti-Christ convinces all to turn their weapons toward Jesus and fight Him

Rev 17:12-14 “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. ¹³These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. ¹⁴These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.”

Rev 19:19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

7. The Anti-Christ and his forces are no match for the Lord

Rev 19:20-21 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. ²¹And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

8. Sadly, Jesus' return will find most unprepared

Rev 16:15 "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

Mt 24:42-44 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

1 Thess 5:2-4 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. ⁴But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

2 Pet 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

Rev 3:3 Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.

9. Thus, Scripture warns all to be prepared

2 Pet 3:11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

Rom 13:14 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

1 Jn 2:28 And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

