

Revelation – Week 5 Armageddon

Introduction – Ron

The name “**Armageddon**” has become a **synonym** for **doom** or **tragedy** in our culture.

The name Armageddon has been associated with:

- **blizzards** as **snowmageddon**
- **traffic jams** as **carmageddon**

It’s been the theme of movies.

Armageddon is known as the **final** and **great** battle to **end all** battles.

World War I was called “**the war to end all wars!**” but that did not hold true.

To date, our own country of the United States has been in 29 major conflicts in 200+ years.

Every “**war**” begins with a “**conflict**” and Armageddon is no different.

The **conflict** is found in **Revelation 12:7-12**

There has been conflict in heaven since the fall of Satan.

Satan has actively **opposed** the **holy angels** as well as **God’s people** since the **fall**.

The **supernatural** war will reach its peak during the time of **tribulation**.

Satan will **provoke** Michael and his angels into war.

(Note: Prior to **December 7, 1941** the **United States** had been in **conflict** with **Japan** and **Nazi-Germany**; but after **Pearl Harbor**, we were **provoked** into war.)

Armageddon will make **all previous wars** look like playground skirmishes.

- **Satan’s Earthly Target**

The anti-Christ is going to move to destroy God’s people and God’s chosen people.

“*He persecuted the **woman** who gave birth to the male child.*” Revelation 12:13

This is a clear indication that the target of anti-Christ / Satan is the **nation of Israel**.

1. **Greg**
2. **Ron – The “campaign” of Armageddon**

Armageddon is **not** just a **battle**; it’s a **war** that lasts **3½ years**.

Revelation 12:14b “for a time and times and half a time.” That phrase is drawn right out of Daniel 7:25.

Armageddon will be a true **“World War”** that rages on the globe but culminates in a **specific** location.

Revelation 16:12-16

- The River Euphrates was dried up, allowing the kings from the east to cross into position.
- The 3 unclean spirits provoke the kings of the earth to assemble.
- Gathering “to the place called in Hebrew, **“Armageddon”** Revelation 16:16 – the only time the word is found in scripture.

The Hebrew word **“harmageddon”** means **“the mount of Megiddo”**

- Har = mount
- Megiddo = slaughter

Megiddo is 10 miles from Nazareth where Jesus grew up.

Megiddo is where **Gideon** defeated the Midianites.

Megiddo is where **Saul** was slain.

Napoleon fought here in 1799.

Over 200 battles have been fought here. It has been said that throughout history, **all the great armies** of the **world** have **pitched** their **tents** at **Megiddo**.

While the world’s armies will gather here, the real center of interest is likely nearby Jerusalem.

It's amazing **today** and for the **future** how much **conflict** has come out of such a small country.

Armageddon is more than a **battle**; it is a **“place”**.

3. Greg

Ron's Conclusion:

The culminating battle – truly the **war** to **end all wars**.

Revelation 19:11-20

Christ returns with the **saints** and His **angels**.

The forces of **heaven** and **hell** meet destroying the enemies of God.

Christ speaks decimation on His enemies.

Revelation 14:20 describes the Lord's vindication as the **grapes of wrath**.

“Blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses bridles.”

These sobering truths are a warning to unbelievers to **repent**.

It is a reminder that the children of God will inherit the earth.

We have said it before – “We win in the end!”