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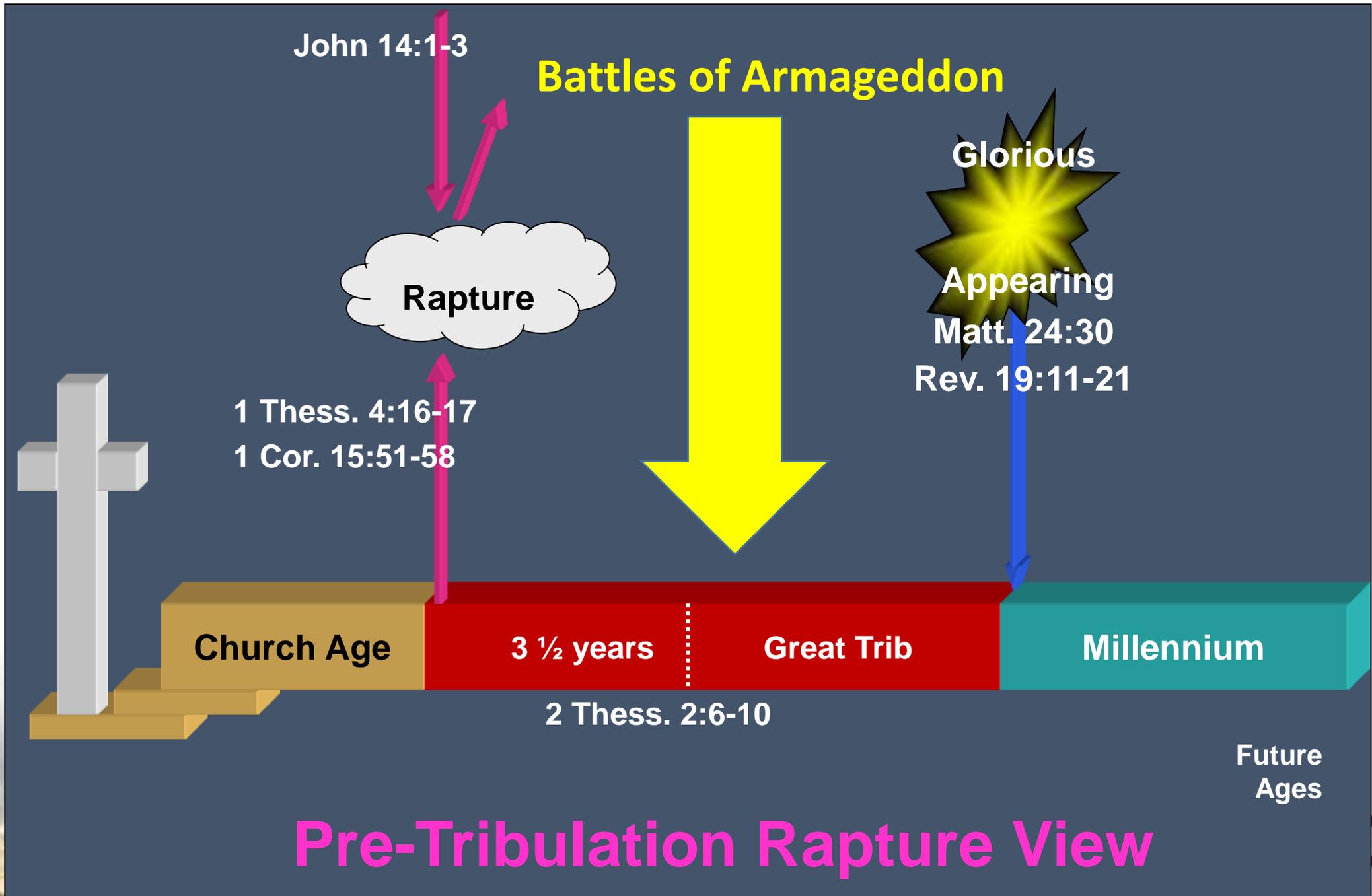
As He (Jesus) was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the **end of the age?**” And Jesus answered and said to them, “See to it that no one misleads you. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will mislead many. You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.” Matthew 24:3-8

Today...

The Battles of Armageddon



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Pre-Tribulation Rapture View

A Series of Battles in the End Times

1. **The War of Extermination — Psalm 83**
2. **War of Gog and Magog – Ezekiel 38-39**
3. The Conventional War of the Tribulation — Revelation 6
4. The Nuclear War of the Tribulation — Revelation 8 & 9
5. The Middle East Campaign of the Antichrist — Daniel 11
6. The Battles of Armageddon — Joel 3, Zechariah 14, and Revelation 19



Revelation chapter 6



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3) The Conventional War of the Tribulation — Revelation 6

- The book of Revelation states that a major world war will break out soon after the Tribulation begins. This war is described in Revelation 6.
- Although the Antichrist will rise to world power in Europe through cunning, deception, and intrigue (Daniel 8:23), he will have to resort to military power to conquer the world.
- Asia, Africa, and South America have spent too long casting off the shackles of European colonialism for them to suddenly surrender their sovereignty peacefully to a new European dictator — regardless of how brilliant and charismatic he may be.
- We are told in Revelation 13:7 that the Antichrist will ultimately achieve “authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation.” This authority will be achieved through negotiation and then through war.
- Revelation 6 records the outbreak of this world war. It results in the death of one-fourth of humanity, or 1.8 billion people in today’s terms (Revelation 6:8).

John's vision of the 4 Horsemen of the Apocalypse

- I looked, and behold, a **white horse**, and he (Antichrist) who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer. Revelation 6:2
- And another, a **red horse** (confusion, hostility, civil wars), went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him. Revelation 6:4
- When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, "Come." I looked, and behold, a **black horse** (famine, food shortage); and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. Revelation 6:5
- I looked, and behold, an **ashen (pale green) horse** (pestilence, disease); and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth. Revelation 6:8





**John's vision
of the 4
Horsemen of
the
Apocalypse**

Revelation 6

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- The War of Psalm 83 results in the destruction of the inner ring of Arab/Muslim states immediately surrounding Israel.
- The War of Ezekiel 38 and 39 produces the defeat of the outer ring of Arab/Muslim states around Israel.
- But the vast majority of all Muslims live outside the Middle East, the largest Muslim nations being Indonesia (227 million in 2018), India (189 million), Pakistan (198 million), and Bangladesh (149 million). These nations are the ones who are most likely to produce the strongest resistance to a Western, non-Muslim dictator, and they will be destroyed either in this war or the one that follows it.

4) The Nuclear War of the Tribulation — Revelation 8 & 9

- The Book of Revelation indicates that the conventional war will morph into a nuclear holocaust.
- Apostle John wrote, “The first sounded, and there came hail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were thrown to the earth; and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.” Revelation 8:7
- Apostle John wrote, “And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released, so that they would kill a third of mankind.” Revelation 9:15
- Apostle John wrote, “So the first angel went and poured out his bowl on the earth; and it became a loathsome and malignant sore on the people who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image.” Revelation 16:2

Injuries suffered in Hiroshima, Japan in August, 1945

—primary (flash burns)



—secondary (scorch, contact, and flame burns)



“a loathsome and malignant sore
on the people” Revelation 16:2

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Daniel chapter 11



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5) The Middle East Campaign of the Antichrist — Daniel 11

- Daniel 11:40-45 describes a military campaign of the Antichrist in the Middle East that occurs at the end of the Tribulation.
- These verses and related verses in Revelation could indicate that when the Antichrist becomes insanely obsessed with destroying the Jews and the Saints, the nations of the world will see an opportunity to rebel against him.
- Just as he seems to be completely victorious, he hears *“rumors from the East and from the North”* that deeply disturb him. He retreats with his armies to the area *“between the seas”* where *“he will come to his end.”*
- The rumors that frighten him are, in part, the news that *“the kings from the East”* (Revelation 16:12) who are bringing huge armies from Asia have arrived at the Euphrates River and are ready to cross into Israel to challenge him. The rumors from the North could relate to a reconstituted rebellious army from Russia.

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“At the end time the king of the South (Egypt?) will collide with him (Antichrist), and the king of the North (Syria?) will storm against him with chariots, with horsemen and with many ships; and he will enter countries, overflow them and pass through. He will also enter the Beautiful Land, and many countries will fall; but these will be rescued out of his hand: Edom, Moab and the foremost of the sons of Ammon (modern nation of Jordan). Then he will stretch out his hand against other countries, and the land of Egypt will not escape. But he will gain control over the hidden treasures of gold and silver and over all the precious things of Egypt; and Libyans and Ethiopians will follow at his heels. But rumors from the East (China?) and from the North (Russia?) will disturb him, and he will go forth with great wrath to destroy and annihilate many. He will pitch the tents of his royal pavilion between the seas (Mediterranean Sea and the Dead Sea) and the beautiful Holy Mountain (Jerusalem); yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.”

Daniel 11:40-45

Apostle John's Vision of the End Times

“The number of the armies of the horsemen was **two hundred million**; I heard the number of them.” Revelation 9:16

“The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east.” Revelation 16:12

*China... could this be the “kings from the east”?



WORLD FACTS

29 Largest Armies In The World

China has the largest standing army in the world followed by India and the United States.

Numbers below provided by the International Institute for Strategic Studies in their **2017 report**

Chinese People's Liberation Army Is the Largest Standing Army In The World

China is the country with the largest standing army and is one of the best trained. China has upped its military budgets by more than 10% a year over the last five years. The China People's Liberation Army which is made up of Ground Forces, Navy, Artillery, an armed police and a strong air force.

The latest estimates about the size of this army is put at 2,183,000 personnel. Most of the personnel of this army are aged between 18 and 49 years. By law military service is compulsory in China, although the country has never enforced conscription due to the large number of volunteers from its population. The army is well trained and equipped and is considered one of the strongest in the world, although its equipment is considered to be behind the US by about 20 years.

<https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/29-largest-armies-in-the-world.html>



NEWS / POLITICS

CPEC: Pakistan and China strengthen economic ties

China invest \$46bn in CPEC project, hoping link to Gwadar port will lead to easier trade with Middle East and Africa.

12 Nov 2016



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November 2016

Parts of a multibillion-dollar **trade route between China and Pakistan have opened**, with the first Chinese trade caravan reaching Pakistan's port city of Gwadar. The 3,000 km trade route, called the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), links China's Xinjiang province with Gwadar in Pakistan's Balochistan province. China is investing \$46 billion in CPEC and hopes it will lead to easier trade with the Middle East and Africa. The route cuts across the high road over Khunjerab Pass, situated more than 5,000 meters above sea level. Once a part of the ancient Silk Route, this road will become a vital link for China to Gwadar.

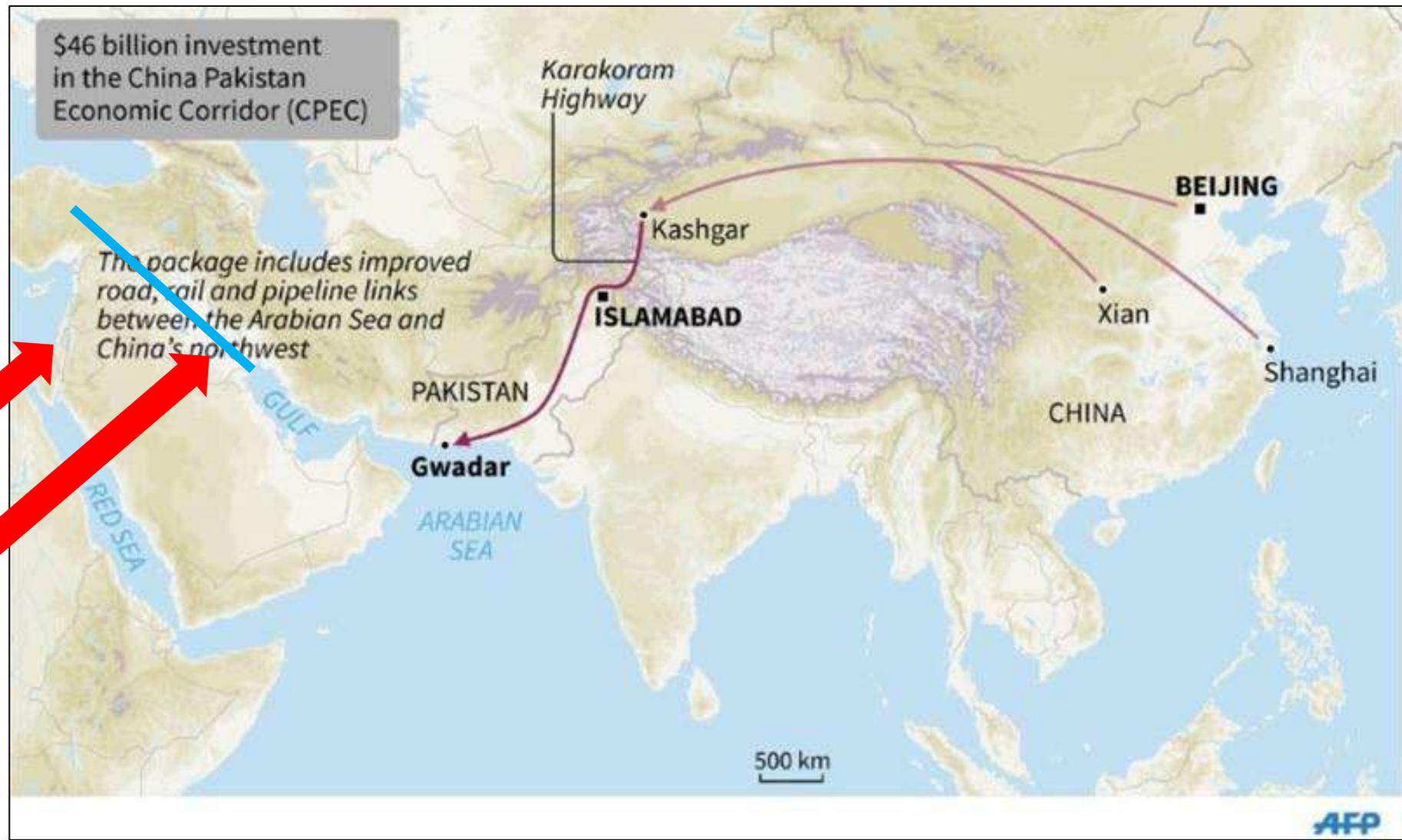
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Israel

Euphrates River

“The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east.” Revelation 16:12

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The number of Muslims who approve of the use of violence against innocent civilians to establish Islamic law appears to be at least **10-15% worldwide** (significantly higher in Muslim countries). These people believe in *jihad*— not the peaceful spiritual journey non-Muslims are led to believe the Koran promotes, but the *physical attack* of those who do not worship Allah, and the forcible takeover of non-Muslim governments. These things are commanded in the Koran:

Muslim (1:33) – “...the Messenger of Allah said: I have been commanded to fight against people till they testify that there is no god but Allah, that Muhammad is the messenger of Allah.”

Quran (8:12) – “I will cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve. Therefore strike off their heads and strike off every fingertip of them.”

Quran (9:5) – “So when the sacred months have passed away, then slay the idolaters wherever you find them, and take them captives and besiege them and lie in wait for them in every ambush, then if they repent and keep up prayer and pay the poor-rate, leave their way free to them.

There are **1.6 billion Muslims in the world**. **10-15% of 1.6 billion is... 160-240 million**. That's an army of between **160-240 million Muslims** committed to a literal, violent jihad.

<https://tictocministries.wordpress.com/2014/10/27/isis-prophecy-the-200-million-man-army-2/>

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John the Apostle wrote, “And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs; for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty. (‘Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and men will not see his shame.’) And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon.” Revelation 16:13-16

* “Armageddon” has become a general term that refers to the end of the world, not exclusively to the battle that takes place in the plain of Megiddo.

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Har-
Magedon

Mount of
Megiddo



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Jezreel Valley from Mount Megiddo

French military and political leader Napoleon Bonaparte once stood at the valley of Megiddo (Jezreel Valley) and remarked, "All the armies of the world could maneuver their forces on this vast plain."

Old Testament battles fought at Megiddo

- 21 Old Testament battles fought at this spot, including:
- Deborah, the judge, and her aide, Barak, fought against Sisera and the Canaanites in this region (Judges 4-5)
- Gideon defeated the Midianites (Judges 7)
- King Saul was slain in battle against the Philistines (1 Samuel 31:8)
- King Solomon captured the city and made it one of his chariot cities around 975 B.C. (1 Kings 9:15)



6) The Battles of Armageddon — Joel 3, Zechariah 14, and Revelation 19

- It appears that just as the armies from the East (China?) and the North (Russia?) start arriving in the Valley of Armageddon to challenge the Antichrist, the Messiah breaks from the heavens, returns to the Mount of Olives, speaks a supernatural word, and all the armies are instantly destroyed.
- Apostle John writes, “And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.” Revelation 19:11
- Apostle John writes, “**From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations**, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.” Revelation 19:15
- Apostle John writes, “And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.” Revelation 19:19



Joel chapter 3



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Battle of the valley of Jehoshaphat (“the Lord judges”)

Proclaim this among the nations: prepare a war; rouse the mighty men! Let all the soldiers draw near, let them come up! Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say, “I am a mighty man.” Hasten and come, all you surrounding nations, and gather yourselves there. Bring down, O LORD, Your mighty ones. Let the nations be aroused and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, tread, for the wine press is full; the vats overflow, for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. The sun and moon grow dark and the stars lose their brightness. The LORD roars from Zion and utters His voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth tremble. **But the LORD is a refuge** (מְחַסֶּה makh·as·eh) **for His people and a stronghold** (מְצֻרָה maw·oze) **to the sons of Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God**, dwelling in Zion, My holy mountain. So Jerusalem will be holy, and strangers will pass through it no more. And **in that day** (after Messiah comes) the mountains will drip with sweet wine, and the hills will flow with milk, and all the brooks of Judah will flow with water; and a spring will go out from the house of the LORD. Joel 3:9-18



Hill of
Megiddo



Jerusalem and
the valley of
Jehoshaphat



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The participants in the Battles of Armageddon

- The ten kingdom federation of nations under the Beast (Antichrist)
- The northern federation consisting of Russia and her allies
- The kings of the East, peoples from beyond the Euphrates River (China?)
- The King of the South, a north African or Arab power (Egypt?)



Zechariah chapter 14



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Battle of Jerusalem

“Behold, a day is coming for the LORD when the spoil taken from you will be divided among you. For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. In that day His feet (Messiah) will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and **the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle** from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.” Zechariah 14:1-4

After tremors, experts warn a huge quake is the greatest threat facing Israel

Scientists say thousands could die because Israel, which sits on a major fault line, has ignored warnings to strengthen homes and schools

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IDF soldiers search for survivors in a building that collapsed during an earthquake that struck Mexico on September 24, 2017. (Israel Defense Forces)

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After a series of minor tremors rattled northern Israel over the last two weeks, experts warned that the country is negligently unprepared for a major earthquake that would likely kill thousands of people, including many children. **“The threat of an earthquake, is in my eyes, the greatest threat facing the state of Israel,”** said geologist Ariel Heimann. “It is definitely a greater threat than the Qassam [rockets] fired from Gaza, and it is a far greater danger than the Iranian threat.” **Israel sits on the Syrian-African rift, a tear in the earth’s crust running the length of the border separating Israel and Jordan, and is part of the Great Rift Valley, which extends from northern Syria to Mozambique.** The last major earthquake to hit the region was in 1927 — a 6.2-magnitude tremor that killed 500 people and injured another 700. And experts have warned Israel is due for a major quake in the near future.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/after-tremors-experts-warn-a-huge-quake-is-the-greatest-threat-facing-israel/>

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Next Sunday...

What are the signs of the
Second Coming of Jesus?



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How will the battle be won without a fight?

- Then that lawless one (Antichrist) will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming
2 Thessalonians 2:8
- The Lord roars from Zion and utters His voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth tremble. But the Lord is a refuge for His people and a stronghold to the sons of Israel. Joel 3:16
- Therefore the Lord, the God of hosts, will send a wasting disease among his stout warriors; and under his glory a fire will be kindled like a burning flame. Isaiah 10:16
- Now this will be the plague with which the Lord will strike all the peoples who have gone to war against Jerusalem; their flesh will rot while they stand on their feet, and their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongue will rot in their mouth. Zechariah 14:12



Possible Timeline of Events

by Nathan E. Jones

1. The Rapture of the Church removes the Restrainer. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; 2 Thessalonians 2:6)
2. Israel subjugates her surrounding neighbors in fulfillment of Psalm 83.
3. The Gog-Magog Battle destroys the Russian and Muslim influence in the Middle East, makes the world aware of God's presence, and restores belief in the God of the Torah.
4. The Antichrist conquers what's left of the Middle East and makes a peace covenant with Israel to complete the Revived Roman Empire.
5. Israel spends the seven years of the Tribulation burning the weapons.
6. Jesus returns at the end of the Tribulation (His Second Coming) to defeat His enemies at Armageddon resulting in the whole world acknowledging that Jesus is Messiah.

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Why must God allow these battles to take place?

- “Let them be ashamed and dismayed forever, and let them be humiliated and perish, that they may know that You alone, whose name is the Lord, are the Most High over all the earth.” Psalm 83:17-18
- “I will magnify Myself, sanctify Myself, and make Myself known in the sight of many nations; and they will know that I am the Lord.” Ezekiel 38:23
- “My holy name I will make known in the midst of My people Israel; and I will not let My holy name be profaned anymore. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, the Holy One in Israel. Behold, it is coming and it shall be done,” declares the Lord God. Ezekiel 39:7-8
- “And I will set My glory among the nations; and all the nations will see My judgment which I have executed and My hand which I have laid on them. And the house of Israel will know that I am the Lord their God from that day onward.” Ezekiel 39:21-22
- “Then you will know that I am the Lord your God, dwelling in Zion, My holy mountain.” Joel 3:17a



What should we learn from prophecies of future battles?

- God, the righteous Judge, is always victorious
- God makes and keeps promises
- God knows the past, present, and future; He is sovereign over all time and all circumstances
- The Bible is true and reliable
- Salvation has been offered to all... “the nations will know that I am the Lord, the Holy One in Israel.” Ezekiel 39:7



Do you want to know the One who knows it all?

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Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful." John 14:27



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