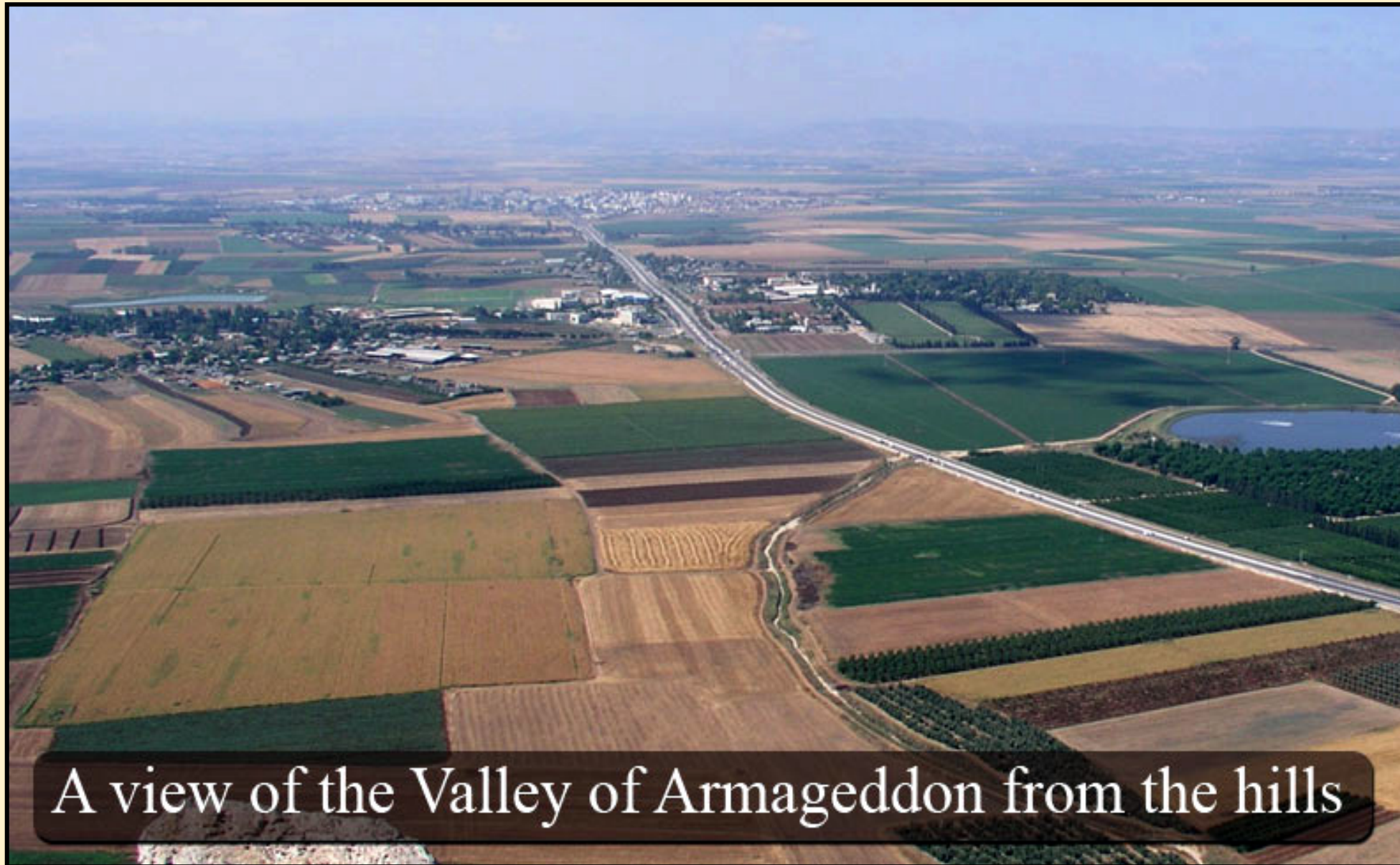


REVELATION CHAPTER 19 part 2 (v. 11-21) **THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON**

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A view of the Valley of Armageddon from the hills

In the first part of this chapter, we saw that the saints had been gathered together in the Rapture, having been called to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

Also, we learned that the Wrath of God is being poured out, primarily it seems on the Antichrist and his forces, but also affecting every part of the earth.

Now in the second part of this chapter comes a vivid description of the terrible battle of Armageddon. The most likely interpretation of the Scriptures seems to be that the Battle of Armageddon takes place when the sixth and seventh plagues of the Wrath of God are poured out, after the Antichrist's forces have gathered together in the vicinity of the Hill of Megiddo, Armageddon. Upon the pouring out of the seventh bowl, a voice from the Throne says, ***“It is done”***—meaning, ***“This is the End!”*** (Rev.16:17) Armageddon is the last scene of the horror drama of all the damage that man has wrought on Earth. This is the last horrific battle before the establishment of God's kingdom on Earth. War is humankind's most ardently pursued occupation, creating the most possible destruction, the ultimate manifestation of man's inhumanity to man, and in this war the Devil and humankind have combined to bring about their final act of devastation!



The world is always talking about Armageddon! Every World War gets called another Armageddon, every threat to World peace they say, *"Ah, here's the Apocalypse, here's the Battle of Armageddon! Here it comes, the End of the World!"* But according to the Bible, the most significant, climactic, apocalyptic battle that this World has ever known is going to come not by the hundreds of thousands of horsemen, but millions of horsemen are going to come from the



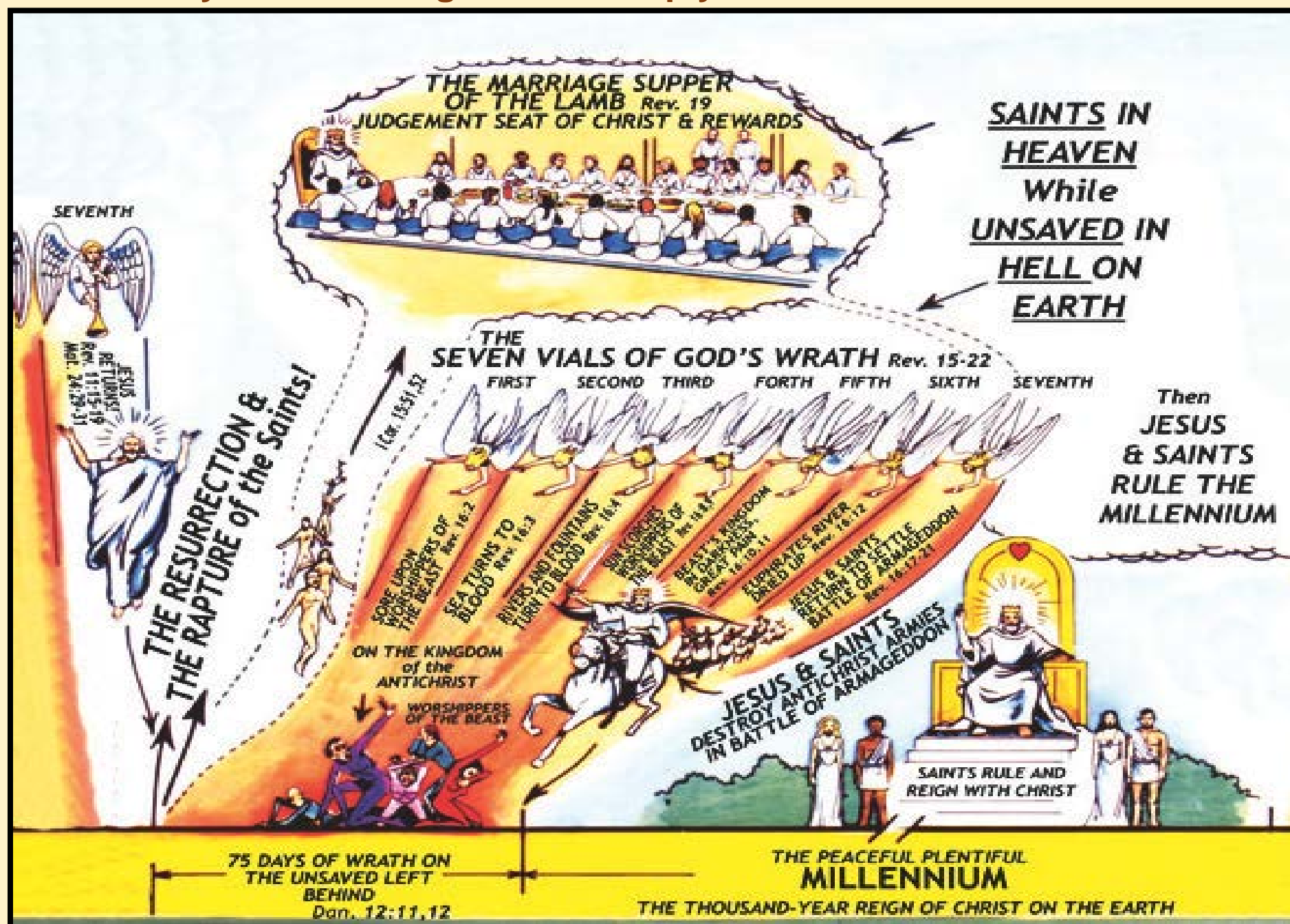
East, apparently as part of the battle, and the Antichrist is going to be a little worried about whether they're going to come to help him or to take over.

**** REV.9:14-16** *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 (200 million): and I heard the number of them.*

But that is not all. Unimaginably great forces are going to come from Heaven - in this greatest invasion for this greatest of all battles!--With not just thousands, but maybe millions of people! Do you realise there are already millions and probably billions of saved people in Heaven?--There's gotta be, must be! Can you imagine an army charging out of Heaven? Some artists have pictured a few horses, Jesus and a handful of riders, but that doesn't even begin to scratch the surface! There are going to be a lot of us coming back to Earth for the battle of Armageddon! Can you imagine what a shock that is going to be to these armies fighting each other on earth when suddenly we appear out of the sky?--The most powerful invasion force the Earth has ever known.



Pls take time to study the following chart to help you visualise the order of the end-time events.





REV.19:11 And 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.

**** PSA.96:13 ...for He cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.**

Who is it that John saw coming on a white horse? Someone called Faithful and True, whose Name is called The Word of God. This can be none other than Jesus, “the Word [that] became flesh, and dwelt among us” (Jn.1:14).

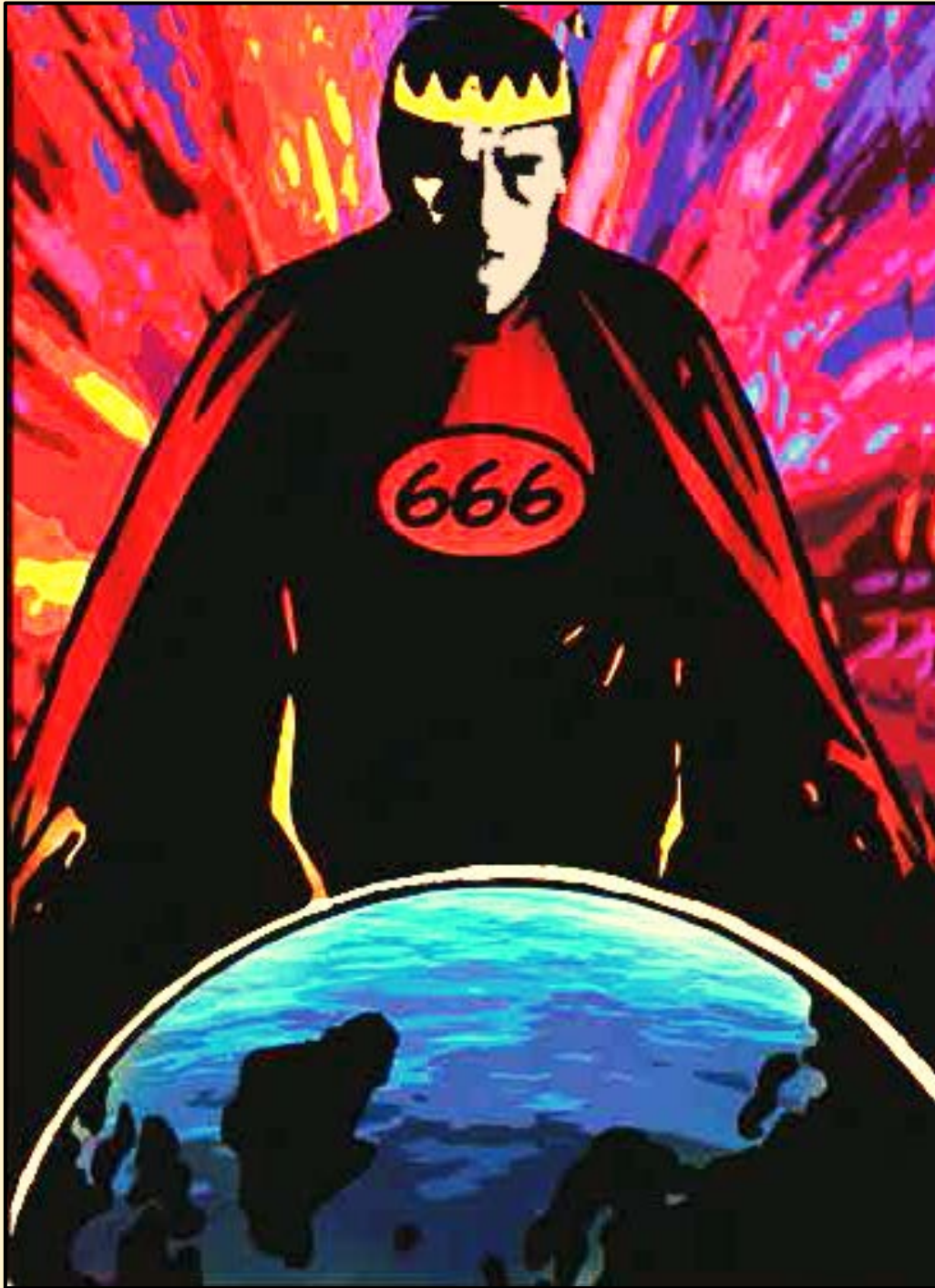
REV.19:12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that *no man knew, but he himself*.



**** REV.1:14** *His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;*

Here is Jesus Christ, crowned with many crowns, not coming as a babe in a manger, not coming as a merciful savior. He's not even a sweet, gentle, loving healer and feeder of the multitude, not even a fiery Prophet rebuking the Scribes, the Pharisees and the hypocrites, this time He is a Man of war!

He's coming with righteousness and with judgment. He is coming now as a great warrior and a judge to make war, as King of kings and Lord of lords!



John's apocalyptic vision is paralleled by Ezekiel's description of the Battle of Armageddon in *Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39*. God told Ezekiel that there is going to be a great shaking when God finally decides to judge the Antichrist, who is called "**Gog**" in those chapters. After he's caused so much trouble for those who refuse to worship him, and has warred against any nations that oppose him, God finally will put a stop to him!

REV.19:13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

**** ISA.63:1-4** *Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? [Who is] this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.*

"And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood!" His robes of righteousness are ***"dipped in blood."*** This is extremely significant for us because there is no remedy for sin, except His blood. That was His Own blood He shed for us. But part of the interpretation also comes from the Old Testament Scripture that we just read about the Lord coming from Bozrah with his vesture dipped in blood. He was a man of war coming to fight! It shows that He's a fighter! Fighters got bloody in those days, it was hand-to-hand conflict with hand-held weapons! -Really gory! The battle of Armageddon will be very bloody.

"...his name is called The Word of God."

Christ is the ***"Word made flesh."*** (***"Word"*** comes from the Greek ***"logos"***— the expression of God's thoughts, the cosmic order behind the universe.) Jesus Christ, God in human form - God's answer to all the sins, the frailties and shortcomings of mankind.



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REV.19:14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. **The book of Jude also describes this:**

**** JUD.1:14-15** And **Enoch** also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, **Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all**, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

REV.19:15 And 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.

The Antichrist forces are slaughtered by the sword that comes out of the mouth of Christ. The prophet Isaiah also foresaw this when he wrote,

**** ISA.11:3-5 ...and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. (Isa.66:15-16)**

"And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword!" We take this actually as being somewhat symbolic, like His voice or like His Words. He speaks of His Word as being a sharp sword, doesn't He? He says it's even sharper than a two-edged sword! So why fiddle around with material swords when you can use the Word, which is even sharper! (Rev.1:16; Rev.2:12)

**** HEB.4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.**



"That with it He should smite the nations!"—with His power! Which shows it's going to be much more powerful than just any ordinary sword. And it sounds like the Word! He's going to just speak the Word. He's not even going to have to use any other weapon but the Word. The Lord spoke the Word and the Worlds were created! (Heb.11:3) Think of the power of His Words! If He could speak words and the Worlds were created, He could certainly speak the Word to destroy His enemies!

"And He shall rule them with a rod of iron!"-- Again the symbolism. Jesus isn't going around batting people with an iron stick or an iron rod. This is symbolic, representing the power, the tremendous enormous power by which Jesus will be ruling!

***** PSA.2:9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.***

***** REV.2:27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. (Rev.12:5)***





"And He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath of Almighty God!" Now, Jesus isn't actually trampling around in some kind of a winepress, tromping on grapes with His feet. This is the time for God to crush the grapes of wrath of the Enemy! It's symbolic of His Wrath! It's a time for God to crush the Enemy so that his blood runs out like wine when the grapes are crushed. This picture of the grand finale of the judgments of God, with Christ coming and casting the wicked into the Great Winepress of God's Wrath, is also described in Revelation chapter 14:

**** REV.14:18-20** *And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, **Thrust in thy sharp sickle,** and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, **and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.** And the winepress was trodden without the city, **and blood came out of the winepress,** even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.*

The prophet Joel also foresaw this gathering of the wicked at Armageddon to be cast into the winepress of God's Great Wrath when he prophesied:

**** Joel 2:11; 3:9-15** *The Lord gives voice before His army. For His camp is very great; for strong is the One who executes His word. **For the day of the Lord is great and very terrible**; who can endure it? Proclaim this among the nations: “**Prepare for war!**” Wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near, let them come up. Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say, “I am strong.” **Assemble and come, all you nations, and gather together all around.** ... Let the nations be wakened, 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, go down; for the winepress 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 will grow dark, and the stars will diminish their brightness.*



**“Come and gather
yourselves together unto the
supper of the great God”**



REV.19:16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**

He is the King of all kings and Lord of all lords! How many names does this make now? We've got Faithful, True, Secret (*verse 12*), Word of God, Almighty God, King of kings and Lord of lords! That makes a perfect seven! Seven names of God in this chapter!

REV.19:17 And 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;**

REV.19:18 That 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.

Ezekiel's description of this horrific Battle remarkably parallels John's:

**** EZE.39:17-20** ...thus saith the Lord GOD; **Speak unto every feathered fowl**, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, **that ye may eat flesh**, and drink blood. Ye shall eat the flesh **of the mighty**, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, and ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord GOD. And I will set my glory among the heathen, **and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed**, and my hand that I have laid upon them.



REV.19:19 And 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.

Here the Antichrist makes a last-ditch stand to try to fight Jesus and His forces.

**** REV.16:12-14, 16** *And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.*



And from the prophet Ezekiel chapter 38:22-23 “**And I will bring Gog (an old Jewish name for the Antichrist)** to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the Lord”. (See also Rev.16:21)

REV.19:20 And 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.

**** 2TH.2:8** *And then shall that Wicked (the Antichrist) be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming.*

REV.19:21 And 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.

**** Rev.17:14** *These 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.*

**** DAN.7:11** *I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.*



By the time the Lord and we charge out of Heaven to attack them, the Antichrist and False Prophet will have gathered together their forces to fight us! Isn't that silly?--As though they could ever hope to fight us! It shows you how dumb the Devil is, how dumb the Antichrist is to think they can fight God! He wouldn't have become anti-Christ in the first place if he hadn't thought he could fight God and God's people. He may be able to fight us, but he can't win! He may be able to give us trouble and battles, but he can't win the victory! Jesus is going to win the war!



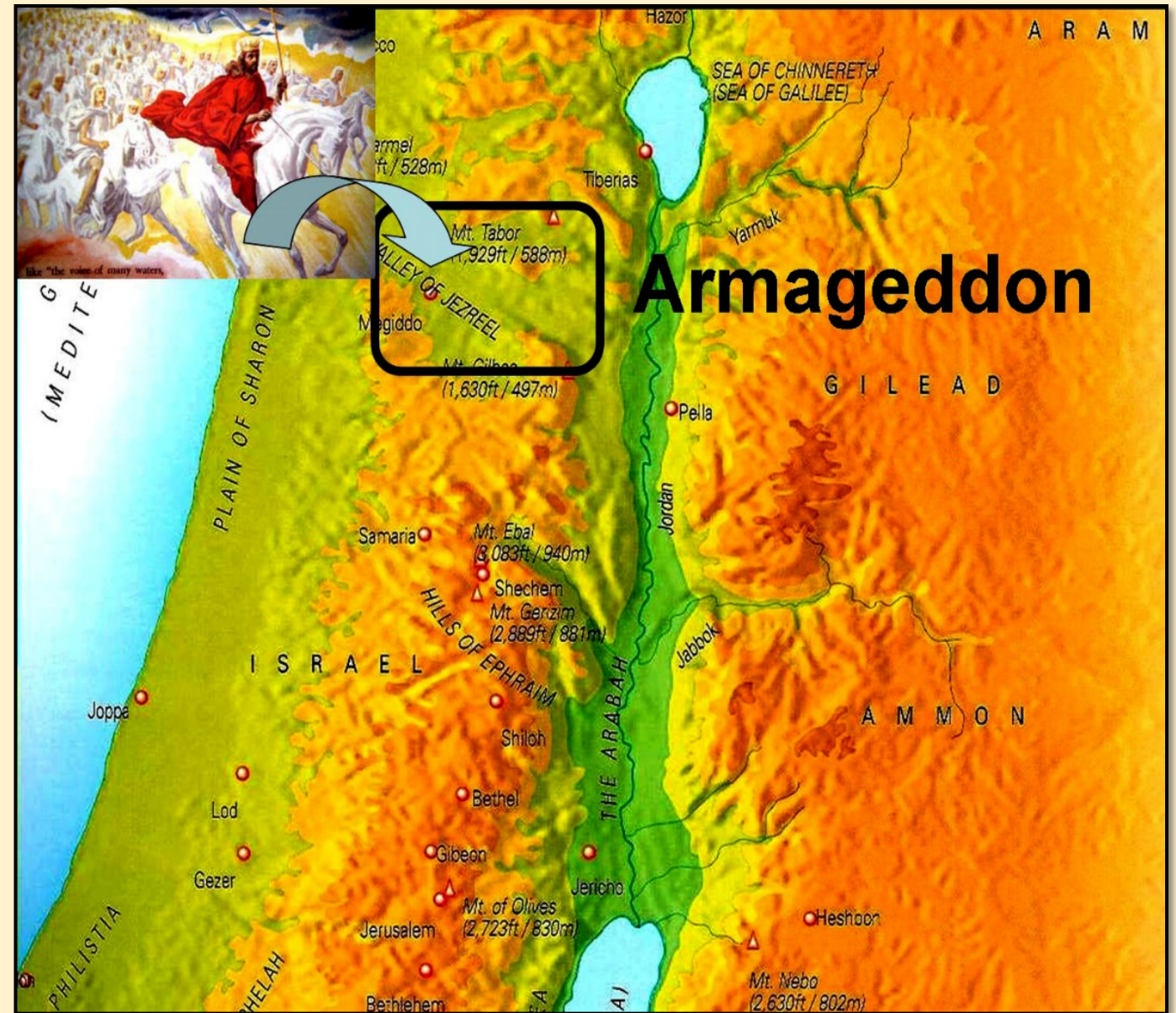
from the Battle of Armageddon and tossed directly into the lake of fire—Hell. So horrible will be the carnage from the war that it will take seven months to bury the dead in Israel alone, and seven years to remove all the wreckage of the battle. (*Ezekiel 39:9-16*)

That is the miserable end of the Antichrist and all of his bestial followers who have persecuted and imprisoned and tortured and slaughtered God's people and so many others in their reign of terror. The Antichrist and the False Prophet will be captured and taken

Following is another passage, written by the apostle Paul, which refers to the destruction of God's enemies by fire:

***** 2 Thes.1:6-10 It is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from Heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe.***

This Battle of Armageddon is going to be a very great battle and a very great slaughter, and is surely the fulfillment of what is described in Revelation 14: the wicked being cast into the winepress of the Wrath of God. And how long does the period of Wrath and Armageddon last?



Dan 7:25
Rev.12:14

3 and a half years

Rev.11:2
Rev.13:5

42 months

Rev.11:3
Rev.12:6

1260 days

We don't know for sure, but an interesting passage in the book of Daniel could provide some insight to this. We need to remember that we already have been told repeatedly throughout the books of Daniel and Revelation that the Tribulation period, during which the Antichrist is fully possessed by Satan, and wages repeated wars, and most specifically, persecutes the believers in God, is three and a half years, or 42 months, or 1,260 days. It is said so often that you cannot miss getting the point. Jesus really wants us to understand just how long this time of persecution will last. Here are those scriptures about this time span: ***Daniel 7:25; 9:27; Rev.11:2-3; 12:6 & 14; 13:5.***

In ***Daniel chapter 12 verses 6 and 7***, the angelic messenger has already made it clear that it will be three and a half years by the time all the previous things about the Great Tribulation that he has been talking about have happened, including Daniel's people being delivered. The believers both alive and dead at the end of this 1,260-day period will have been caught up to Jesus in the Rapture.

**** DAN.12:6** And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, **How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?**

**** DAN.12:7** And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be **for a time, times, and an half**; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

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Then Daniel continues:

**** DAN.12:8** And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, **what shall be the end of these things?**

**** DAN.12:11** And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a **thousand two hundred and ninety days**.

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**** DAN.12:12** Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the **thousand three hundred and five and thirty days**.

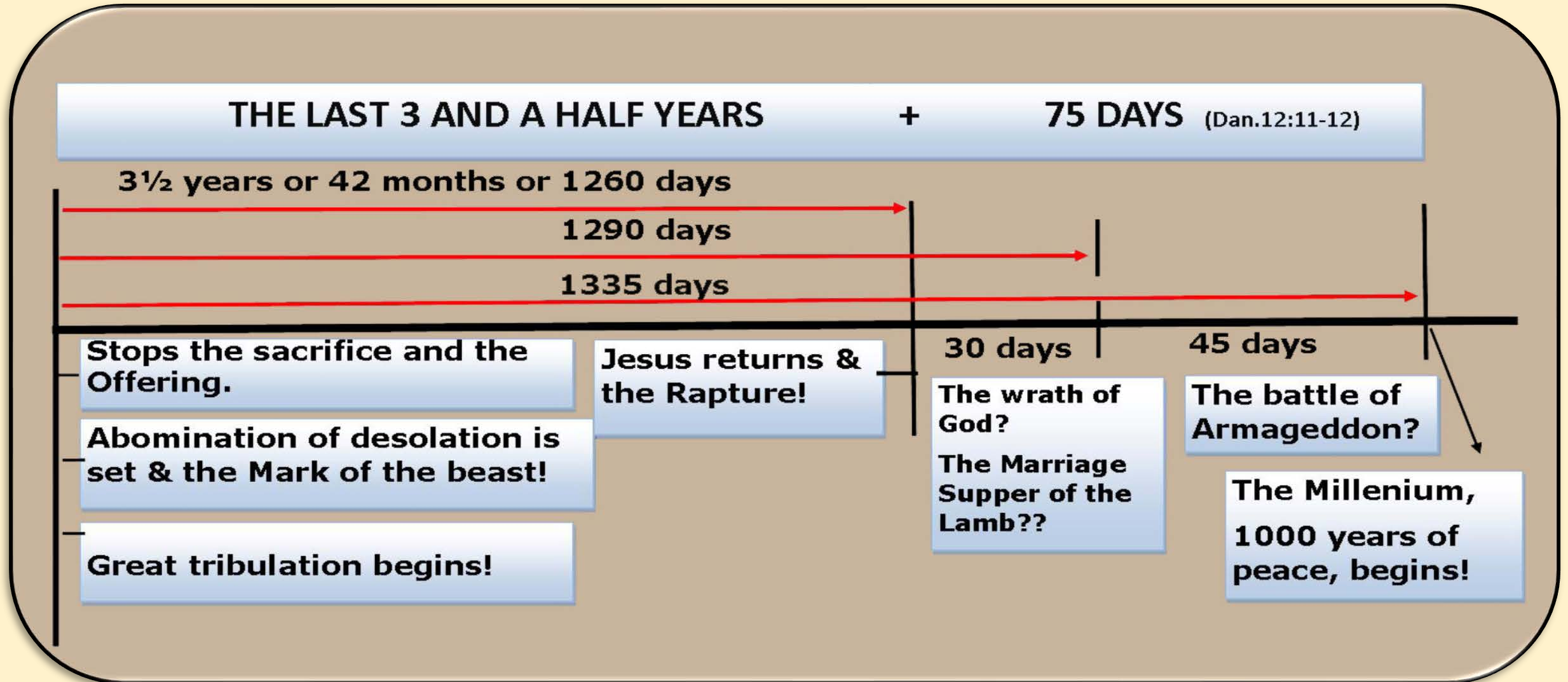
It seems there must have been a different nuance to Daniel's question, "What shall be the end of these things?" - different from the other question, "How long shall the fulfillment of these

wonders be?" - because it elicited a different answer. In reply he is told that it shall be 1,290 days, and that he who waits till 1,335 days will be blessed. In other words, the "fulfillment" and the "end" are somehow different and there is an extra 30-day period followed by a further 45-day period.

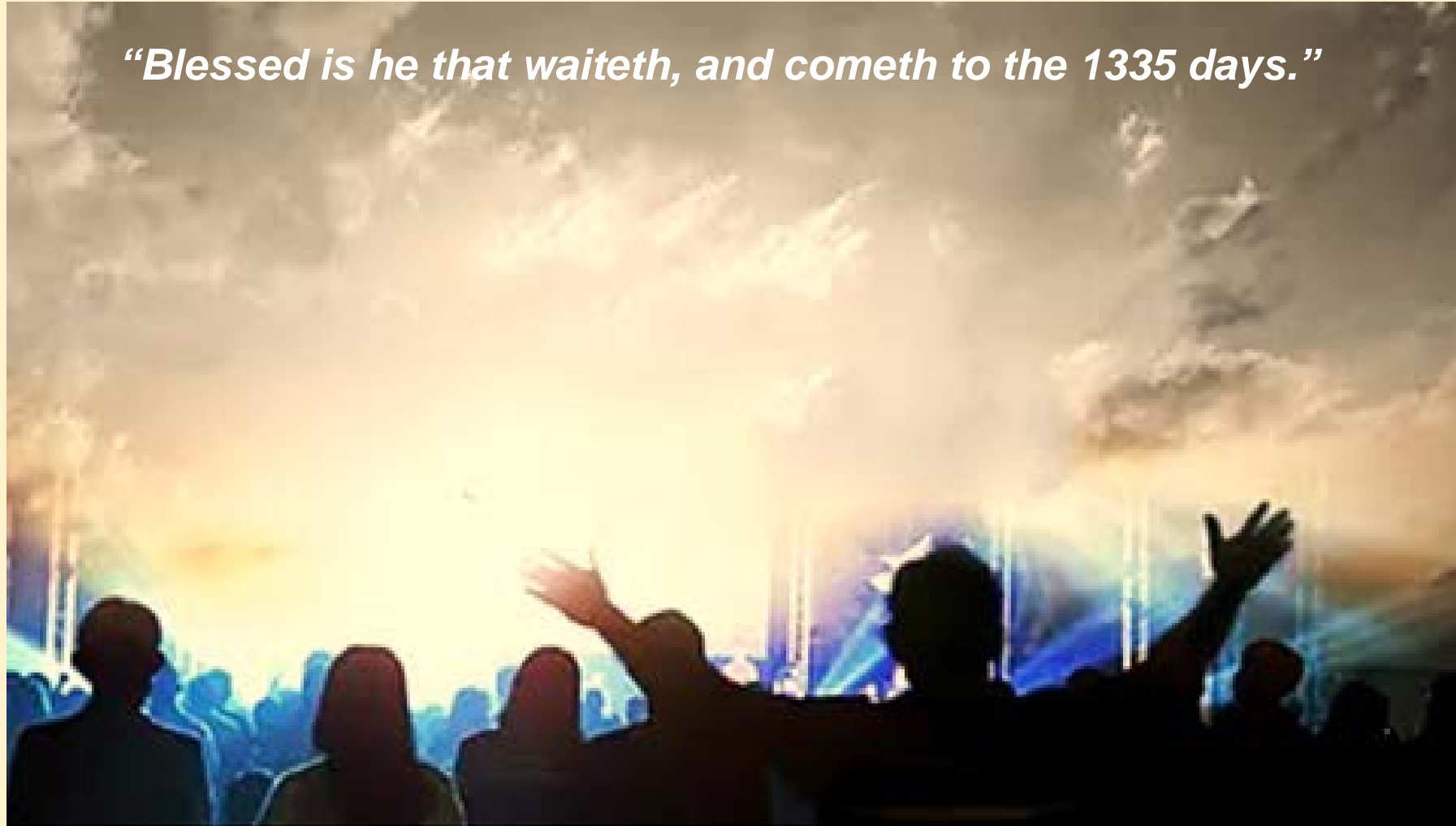
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So there will be an extra period of 75 days after the rapture has occurred. The Antichrist is not destroyed at the Rapture; that certainly is the beginning of his downfall, for what follows now are all the horrors of the period known as the Wrath of God! He is not destroyed for another 75 days till the Battle of Armageddon ends with him and his False Prophet being cast immediately into the Lake of Fire.



“Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.”
It seems that these ***“blessed”*** wouldn’t be the saved who already went up in the Rapture. The saved are already blessed and really have no need to wait any longer to receive blessings. And certainly it is not talking about the evildoers who are annihilated. It must be referring to the



“Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the 1335 days.”

survivors of this war, whether they are combatants or civilians.

Why are they blessed?—because they survive to live in the new world that the Lord is setting up, the Millennium. If this is the right interpretation, then it will take 75 days after the Rapture event before the earth is completely subdued and the last remnants of the Antichrist’s forces and government are

eradicated from the earth at the Battle of Armageddon. For then righteousness and peace will reign and prevail and all who remain will be truly blessed.

There will be three general divisions of people in these last days. First, there are the saved believers who, at the time of the Rapture, are taken to Heaven.

Second, there are the wicked Antichrist worshippers who are being wiped out and slain here at the battle of Armageddon.



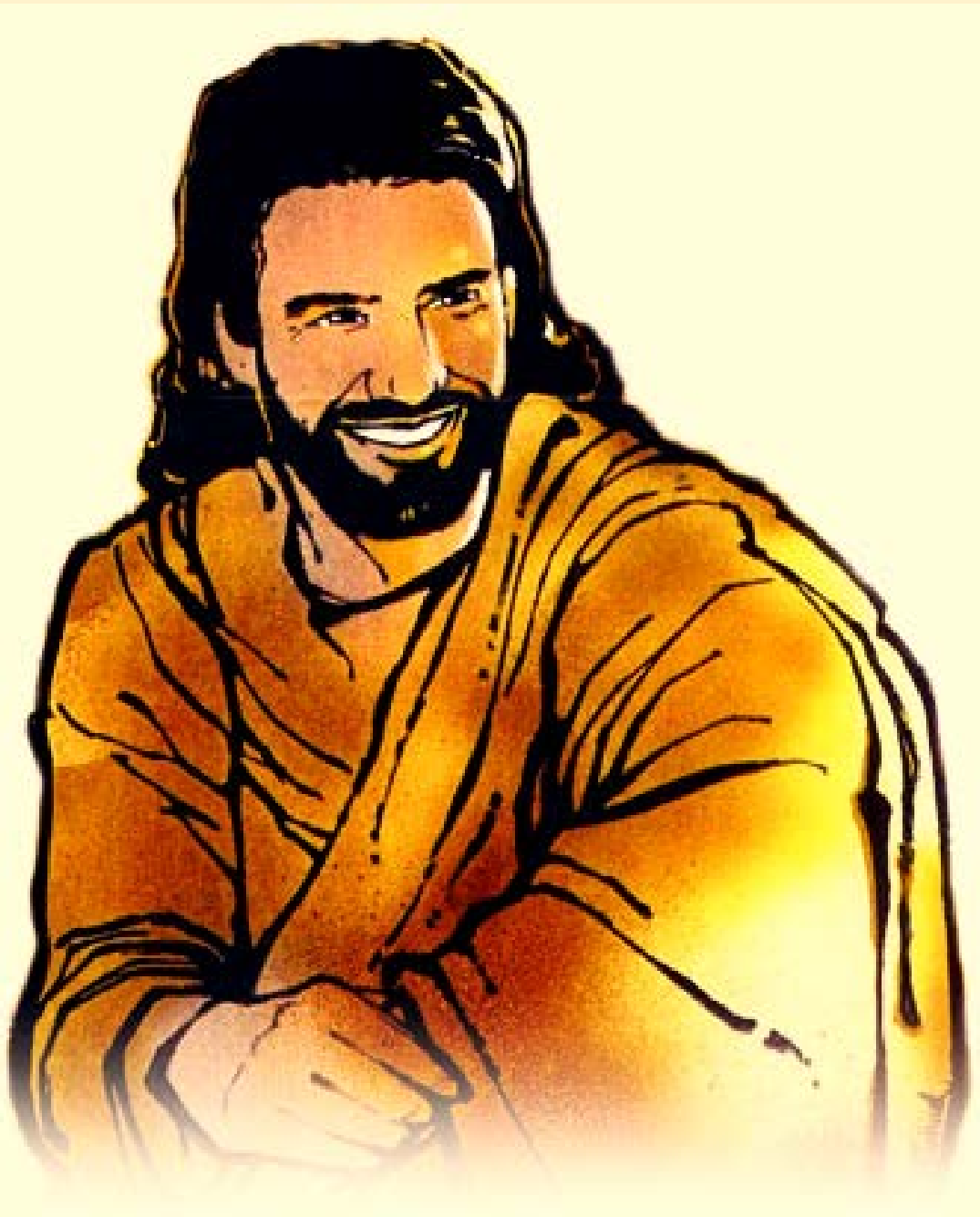
And third, there are the people who fall in between these two categories. They were neither believers in Jesus nor Antichrist worshippers. Apparently there are still people and nations even at this point that will not submit to the Antichrist and they do not worship him nor have they accepted the Mark of

the Beast. They live through this grisly Wrath and Battle of Armageddon period and undoubtedly do not have a pleasant time of it. Even though they are not the primary targets of it, they will nevertheless be caught in the fallout. What if you were one of those people? Wouldn't you feel blessed once all this was over? ***Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. (Dan.12:12)***

It is, however, important to state that what happens during the 30 and 45 day periods is not specified in the Scriptures, and the hypothesis written here is just that, a hypothesis. It is conjecture, but it is an educated guess based on Scripture and the events we know will come to pass.

A Message from the Victor at Armageddon:

“Reading about the events and times that have been covered in this study might have left you feeling apprehensive and concerned about the future, and even alarmed at what might happen to you and your loved ones when this all hits. It is understandable that you would feel this way. These events are all a part of the end of the world as you know it. They will be monumental and range from the worst times the world has ever experienced to the beginning of the best. But through all of this you must remember that you are not alone. If you have received Me as your Savior and Friend then I, the ultimate winner in the End Time conflict, am by your side at every moment. No lasting harm can come to you from that point on. You are Mine and I have reserved your place in Heaven. Nothing can take that away from you.”



**** John.14:1-3** "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. **I go to prepare a place for you.** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; **that where I am, there you may be also.**

“Even though these times will be the worst the world has gone through, they do not have to be the worst for you. If I am in your heart and you are staying close to Me, then those days can be some of your greatest, where you achieve more than you ever have before. So don’t look ahead with dread at what is going to happen. Look forward with the knowledge that for you everything is going to work out in the best and most wonderful way you could ever imagine!

That is My promise to you!” —Jesus

If you have not already received Jesus’ wonderful gift of salvation, you can do so by saying a simple prayer like the following:



Jesus, please forgive me for the wrongs that I have done with my life. I believe that You are the Son of God and I accept and receive you now as my Savior. Thank you for Your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen.