

ARMAGEDDON

Part 1

"Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision." Joel 3:14.

The Battle of Armageddon written about in the book of Revelation is not a war of current military might, of planes, bombs, submarines and Tanks as is said to be. Armageddon is a war of words, light, versus darkness. It is truth versus falsehood. It is deception fighting against truth. It is going on today, and every person on the earth has his, or her own personal Armageddon.

It is a war of the captivation of the minds of men, women and children. Everyone is to witness, and make choice. So great is the diabolic force exerted on human thinking and decision, through the manifestation of multitudes of persuasive speaking false emissaries of Christ, coming as messengers of light. 2 Cor. 11. It is a war between two worlds. Rev. 12:7, and the whole book is a depiction of this war as Christ is revealed within His many brethren. The Battle of Armageddon a war between the kingdom of God, and the kingdom of darkness, for the minds of men. Remember the parable of the Sower, who sowed Good Seed in his field, and "while men slept the enemy came and sowed "tares among the wheat?" Matt.13:

The tares sown among the wheat is the false teachings one can hear, or read nearly everywhere. The adversaries thought forms run through art, intellectualism, in music, poetry, psychology, from the pulpit. Thoughts are spirit, and thought processes are the adversaries territory, and ones mind is the battlefield of Armageddon now.

"And the sixth angel poured out his bowl 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 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. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watches and keeps his garments, and he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon." Rev. 16: 12-16.

1. Out of the mouth of the dragon. 2. Out of the mouth of the beast. 3. Out of the mouth of the false prophet. Three is a number meaning complete in

scripture. And you are bombarded on every side by the Mouth Of The Dragon, and The Mouth Of The Beast, and The Mouth Of The False Prophet. The "false prophet" is apostate Christendom. There are armies of lying counterfeit false prophets, messengers, teachers and ministers of light today. Didn't Paul speak of an "apostasy" coming after his departure? "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come an apostasy first, and the man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped: so that he as God sits in the temple (naos) of God, showing himself that he is God." 2 Thess. 2:3,4

Beloved, there is no temple of God made of stone, wood or gold built in Jerusalem, that God calls His temple. The word, "temple" here in our text is "naos" in the original Greek. And in Revelation everywhere you find the word temple, it is translated from the Greek word, naos. The temple of Herod is translated from the Greek word "hieron." The temple of God is not made with hands Acts 7: 48, "Howbeit the Most High dwells not in temples made with hands; as the prophet says." Also read 2 Cor. 6:16. Preachers saying that a temple of God is going to be restored is Babylonish trash. God showed me some time ago that "The sons of darkness would be standing along side the sons of God ministering their deception.

In Revelation 17: 13,14, "These have one mind...These 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."

What we see here is the forces of deception, warring against the minds of the faithful. A war of deception, and lies, darkness and falsehood. False doctrine of every kind. Christian Babylon is "fallen" in spirit, just as Adam was fallen spiritually. God said, "Come out of her, my people, that you partake not of her sins, and that you receive not of her plagues." Rev.18:4.

These are antichrist forces that are propagating their false doctrines as truth, and are ministering right along side God's sons. There is war in heaven. Rev. 12:7. It is deception warring for the entrance of the minds of the populace, and many are overcome by it. And are gone out teaching their new found revelations. I knew one sister for several years, and we had fellowship over those years, and her and family moved to Idaho. The last time I talked to her, she told me: "Everyone is going to be saved anyway, so I am now in New Age.

"And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." Rev. 20:9. Beloved, you are the "camp of the

saints, and the beloved city." You are the New Jerusalem. Gal. 4:26. Jerusalem is the sum total of all her children, meaning you and I. He said they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the beloved City. They are not armies of soldiers with weapons of destruction in the natural, but are antichrist forces with deceptive teachings to captivate the minds of God's people into believing falsehoods about God, and about Christ. One current teaching is the Rapture theory. It has been around since the 1840s, when a 15 year old girl named Margaret McDonald had a dream, or vision that Jesus caught the church away physically. So it began there in the British colonies, and England. The Plymouth Brethren got hold of it, and John Nelson Darby was a prominent preacher in the Brethren movement, and Darby brought it to America. Cyrus I. Scofield got hold of Darby's message, and ran with it, and even published his Scofield Bible with foot notes propagating all those lies that so many believe today.

Darby had more than the Rapture teaching that he brought to the world too. A Franciscan priest by the name of Francisco Ribera in the 15th century wrote a 500 page book refuting the early Reformers. The Reformers were teaching that the pope was the antichrist, and many of the teachings that the nominal church teaches today. There is a Christian Seminary in Dallas, Tx, today that teaches the Scofield Bible doctrines. In it everything is put off into the future, never anything now for the saints. It is all when we get to heaven, someday on that golden shore. After the tribulation. Beloved, don't look for a seven year tribulation. The book of Revelation is all a book of symbols. It is the Revelation of Christ within His body, an inChristed body of people. Perhaps I should say His Christed body of many sons whom He brings to glory. Heb. 2.

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