

Armageddon: The Empires Final Solution

STUDY GUIDE NO. 17

- Revelation 20** The context of the Battle of Armageddon is the millennium, or 1,000 years in Revelation 20.
- John 5:28, 29** The bookends of the 1,000 years are two resurrections – the resurrection of the saved and the resurrection of the lost.
- Revelation 20:5, 6** The resurrection of life begins the millennium.
- 1 Thessalonians 4:16** The first resurrection takes place at the second coming of Jesus.
- John 14:1-3** When Jesus returns He will take the righteous back to heaven with Him (see Matthew 6:9).
- Revelation 16:14-16** The Battle of Armageddon is the battle of the great day of God Almighty. It's not man's battle, but God's.
- Revelation 19:11, 14, 15** A picture of Jesus return coming to rescue His friends from their enemies.
- Revelation 19:19-21** When Christ returns His enemies will be destroyed.
- Revelation 20:5** The rest of the dead (the enemies of God) do not live again until after the 1,000 years.
- 2 Thessalonians 2:9, 10** It is the refusal to love and follow the truth of Jesus that leads a person to be lost forever.
- Revelation 20:1-3** During the 1,000 years, Satan is bound to this earth that has nearly been decimated by the return of Christ. He cannot tempt or deceive anyone as they are either in heaven with Christ or they are in their graves awaiting the resurrection of the lost at the end of the 1,000 years.
- Genesis 1:2** The "abyss" is an earth without form and void, with darkness upon the face of the deep.
- Jeremiah 4:23-26** A graphic picture of how the earth will look after the return of Christ.
- Revelation 20:6, 4** During the 1,000 years, God's people will be involved in the judgment of the lost in heaven.
- 1 Corinthians 6:2, 3** The judgment God's people will be involved in will be a review of why certain people are lost and why certain people are saved. They get to see how God judged fairly.
- Revelation 20:5, 7, 8** At the end of the 1,000 years, the wicked are raised back to life, Satan is "loosed," and he goes out to deceive the nations.
- Revelation 21:1** At the end of the millennium, the New Jerusalem will descend from heaven and take up residency here on earth.

Revelation 20:9, 11, 12 The lost are convinced they can take the city, but before the fire falls in final punishment, God allows everyone, both saved and lost, to review their lives to show them why some will receive everlasting life and some will receive eternal death.

Romans 14:10, 11 Every knee will bow and acknowledge the justice and fairness of God in His handling of the judgment (see Revelation 16:7; 15:4).

3 Phase Judgment Process:

1. A pre-advent judgment phase from 1844 to Christ's return in which God's friends are not bodily present, but which Daniel informs us in Daniel 7 is for the benefit of the good angels who are coming with Jesus for God's friends.

2. A millennial judgment phase from Christ's return till the end of the 1,000 years in which God's friends are present examining the cases of the lost, who are not present.

3. The great white throne judgment phase from the end of the 1,000 years until evil ends for the benefit of both Satan, the lost, and God's friends, who are all present.

Philippians 2:10, 11 It will ultimately be acknowledged that God is who He said He is all along – love. No one will protest their reward.

Revelation 20:9, 10 Fire falls from heaven to cleanse the earth of sin, Satan, and sinners.

Revelation 21:1 Then God makes all things new, like it was in the Garden of Eden.

1 Corinthians 6:9, 10 God can't let everyone enter His last empire. Those clinging to sin won't be permitted there.

Revelation 22:17 Those who accept God's offer of salvation will find entrance in through the gates into the city.