

Campaign of Armageddon

Revelation 19:11-21

*EIGHT STAGES IN THE CAMPAIGN OF ARMAGEDDON**

NOTES

I. Stage 1: The Assembling of the Allies of the AntiChrist

- A. The kings of the earth are moved by the counterfeit trinity and demonic spirits to gather together in battle against God (Rev. 16:12-16).
- B. The River Euphrates will be dried up, preparing the way of the “kings of the east” (Rev. 16:12).
- C. AntiChrist’s allies are gathered together in “the Mountain of Megiddo” (Rev. 16:16; see also Joel 3:9-11; Psa. 2:1-6).

II. Stage 2: The Destruction of “Mystery Babylon”

- A. AntiChrist’s capital city is destroyed (Rev. 14:8; 17:3-5; 18:2-3).
- B. The destruction is swift and severe (Jer. 51:7-9; Rev. 18:9-10; 15-19).
- C. The destruction is final (Isa. 13:19-22; Jer. 50:39-40; Rev. 18:21-24).

III. Stage 3: The Attack and Fall of Jerusalem

- A. AntiChrist turns his attention to the destruction of Jerusalem; half of the Jewish population will be taken into captivity (Zech. 14:1-2).
- B. The capture of Jerusalem will come at a great cost to AntiChrist and his armies; the Jews will display great military strength, appearing to devour their enemies as a flaming torch among sheaves (Zech. 12:1-9).

IV. Stage 4: The Armies of the AntiChrist at Bozrah

- A. Many Jews escape for their lives prior to the attack on Jerusalem and find refuge in Bozrah (the mountains of Seir; likely Petra) — Matt. 24:15-16; Rev. 12:14; Isa. 33:13-16; Micah 2:12.
- B. After the Fall of Jerusalem, AntiChrist and his armies move south against Bozrah, the “city of refuge” for the Jews (Micah 2:12; Jer. 49:13-14).

V. Stage 5: The National Regeneration of Israel

- A. Israel’s deliverance will be preceded by national repentance (Lev. 26:40-42; Hos. 5:15-6:1-3; Isa. 53).
- B. Israel as a nation will plead for Messiah’s return (Zech. 12:10; Matt. 23:37-39)
- C. Israel as a nation will be saved (Zech. 13:1; Rom. 11:25-27;).

VI. Stage 6: The Second Coming of the Messiah

- A. The Manner of His Coming: “In power and great glory” (Matt. 24:30; Rev. 19:11-16).
 - 1. With royal vengeance (Rev. 19:11-13, 15)
 - 2. Accompanied by righteous saints (Rev. 19:14)
 - 3. As KING of Kings and LORD of Lords (Rev. 19:16)
- B. The Place of His Coming: The city of Bozrah, in the region of Mount Seir (Edom)
 - 1. Messiah will come with righteous vengeance against AntiChrist and his armies (Isa. 34:1-7; 63:1-6; Hab. 3:3).
 - 2. Messiah will open a way of deliverance for Israel and will Himself lead them to victory (Micah 2:12-13).

VII. Stage 7: The Battle from Bozrah to the Valley of Jehoshaphat

- A. Birds and animals are invited to the “supper of the great God (Rev. 19:17-19; Ezek. 39:17-20).
- B. The battle that begins at Bozrah will apparently continue all the way back to the eastern walls of Jerusalem, the “Valley of Jehoshaphat” (Joel 3:12-13).
- C. The Antichrist will be among the first casualties (Rev. 19:20; 2Thess. 2:8)
 - 1. Jesus will slay the Antichrist with “the breath of His mouth” (2Thess. 2:8; Isa. 11:4)
 - 2. Antichrist will be trodden under foot of his fleeing armies, and his body will not be buried (Isa. 14:16-21).
- D. The remnant of Antichrist’s armies will be utterly destroyed (Zech. 14:12-15; Rev. 14:18-20; Jer. 49:20-22).

VIII. Stage 8: The Victory Ascent Up the Mount of Olives

- A. After Jehovah fights against and subdues the Antichrist and his armies, He sets His feet on the Mount of Olives (Zech. 14:3-4a).
- B. Several cataclysmic events surround the Second Coming. Note: *These are the results of the 7th Bowl Judgment in Rev. 16:17-21.*
 - 1. The Tribulation will come to a definite end (v. 17)
 - 2. The Greatest Earthquake to ever occur in the history of the world (v. 18)
 - 3. The City of Jerusalem will be split in three divisions, while Babylon will suffer the full wrath of God (v. 19).
 - 4. Many geographical changes will take place (v. 20).
 - 5. The Mount of Olives will be split in two parts (Zech. 14:4b-5).
 - 6. A worldwide blackout will occur (Matt. 24:29; Joel 3:14-17).

“...And they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” ~ Matthew 24:30

*Reference Resource: “Footsteps of the Messiah” by Arnold Fruchtenbaum