

## Prophecy devo #33 – Armageddon (Part II)

ANTICHRIST AND ARMAGEDDON (Daniel 11:6-45). Antichrist will be the leader of the West. He will do according to his own will (36). He will not regard the God of his fathers (37). The word for God is Elohim, which is plural and can refer to gods. Antichrist will have no regard for any of them. His god is power, the “god of fortresses” (38-39). He will become engaged in a conflict with the King of the south, which is the ruler of Egypt and the African nations (40). He will enter the glorious land (Israel) (41). He will invade other countries, including Egypt (42). He will take control of the wealth of the world (43). He will hear of tidings from the east and the north to prepare for Armageddon (44). He will establish a command center for Armageddon between the Mediterranean sea and Jerusalem (45). He will come to his end (45).

ARMAGEDDON is a compound word from the Hebrew “Har” which means mountain and “Mageddon” which is probably the ruins of the ancient city of Megiddo, an ancient city that overlooks the valley of Esdraelon. That is where the armies of the world will congregate for the final battle. At this battle the power and rule of Antichrist will come to an end. This battle will conclude with the second coming of Jesus to earth. The judgment at Armageddon will be a preparation for the 1,000 year-reign of Christ on earth. In short, Armageddon is the climax of a series of wars that occur during the last part of the Tribulation. The armies of the world will gather for war against Israel (Zachariah 12:3; 14:2). The kings of the East will take a leading role in the military build-up. An army of 200 million from the East will cross the Euphrates River for this battle. Arnold Fruchtenbaum has divided the Armageddon campaign into eight stages: 1. The assembling of the allies of the Antichrist (Revelation 16:12-16). 2. The destruction of Babylon (Revelation 17-18). 3. The fall of Jerusalem (Zechariah 12-14). 4. The armies of the Antichrist at Bozrah (Jeremiah 49:13-14). 5. The national regeneration of Israel (Zechariah 12:10; 13:7-9). 6. The second coming of Jesus Christ (Isaiah 34:1-7). 7. The battle from Bozrah to the Valley of Jehoshaphat (Zechariah 14:3-5; Joel 3:12-13). 8. The victory ascent upon the Mount of Olives (Zechariah 14:3-5; Matthew 24:29-31; Revelation 16:17-21; 19:11-21). The battle of Armageddon never really takes place. Thomas Ice says the real purpose will be to gather the armies of the world to execute Antichrist’s “final solution” to the Jewish problem (Thomas Ice). In the end, Christ returns to save the Jews who have struggled for the right to exist for centuries.