

# Word of Prophecy Fellowship



## THE GOOD NEWS - LETTER

### WORLD WAR III – ARMAGEDDON

#### Part 1

This article is entitled “World War III— Armageddon” because it is about the Battle of Armageddon, which will be the next “World War,” so-called. God has predicted this great event plainly in the Holy Scriptures, and has foretold us through the holy prophets, through Jesus Christ, and through the apostles, writing in terminology that we can all understand.

#### THE BEGINNING

We will begin with the prophetic scriptures from the pen of one of the Holy Ghost anointed authors of the New Testament, the beloved apostle John. Beginning in Revelation 16:12-16, we read, “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 [*the devil*], and out of the mouth of the beast [*the antichrist*], 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 [Jesus Christ

is speaking here, as John showed us in Revelation 1:1]. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue **Armageddon.**” This scripture is the only place in the Bible where the name “Armageddon” appears.

#### ARMAGEDDON

There is a lot of talk about Armageddon today, as we see the proliferation of all these devices that technology has bequeathed us which are totally destructive. Many world leaders and politicians are saying that we are already at the start of a third world war! Nuclear weapons have been stockpiled by our nation, as well as Russia and some of the old Soviet block nations, France, Britain, and China, and we see new threats arising in Iran and North Korea as these nations strive to acquire the same nuclear arsenals of terror that we possess. Many people use the word “Armageddon” in their terminology to express their fear that the spread of these nuclear arms will result in a terrifying holocaust that awaits this world not many years from now. But we are going to take a look in depth at what the Holy

Scriptures have to say concerning this consequential matter.

## **A CONCISE REVELATION**

The Bible is very concise in its revelation about Armageddon, or World War III, but the time element involved is something that preachers, politicians and even scientists like to play the ‘guessing game’ with. Throughout the decade that preceded détente between the Soviet Union (subsequently Russia) and America, an organization of American scientists regularly published a monthly magazine that had on its cover the face of a clock with its hands set at five minutes before midnight. This was supposed to be a representation of the hour in which there would be a world-wide disaster through the explosion of nuclear weapons, ignited by a confrontation that would presumably arise between the nations of the world and compel them to launch their diabolical weapons of annihilation at one another. The clock on that magazine cover remained set at five minutes till midnight for about ten years, until the Cold War erupted in South Asia and the Middle East, and tension between the superpowers suddenly began to escalate—at which point the editors of the magazine advanced the clock to about one minute before midnight. For a brief time, it looked like there would be a mighty confrontation between the United States and Soviet Russia, but eventually things subsided, and they quit putting the clock on the front of the magazine altogether. People have played these guessing games about the coming of Armageddon for some time now, and they have all but given up because between this present day and the time of the Battle of Armageddon there are still many cataclysmic world events due to take place—events which

will shape the destiny of the billions who live on this planet.

## **ONE GREAT EVENT**

One of the great events which will precede Armageddon is prophesied in your Holy Bible, in Ezekiel chapters 38 & 39, and it speaks of a clash between Israel and Russia. This is not an all-out war, however; it is merely an attack by Russia and her allies because of her age-old hatred for the Jews. The Bible predicts that in the last days, Gog and Magog of the north country (the geographical area inhabited by Russia and some of her allies) will come down upon the mountains of Israel and invade Israel to take a spoil, and to take a prey against a nation without any defense against such an attack. In Ezekiel 38:14-15 God forewarns, “Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it? And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army: And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.” Russia’s allies in this invasion will be Persia, Libya, Ethiopia, and the House of Togarma. Persia is the ancient name for Iran; Libya and Ethiopia (which Russia has armed to the teeth) are still located on the African Continent as they have been for many centuries; and Togarma was an ancient chieftain who ruled Central Europe and much into Asia, whose descendents are now among the Central European nations. This sneak attack on Israel will soon erupt—but God will

intervene for Israel and *there will be no war, and no fighting*. God himself will come down from heaven and fight for Israel, and will destroy the Russian army along with her allies. (Ezekiel 39:1-4).

## RISE OF IRAN

We are now witnessing the rise of Iran, which stands as a threat to a peaceful solution to the long running Jewish-Arab conflict in the Middle East. There can be no peace as long as Iran continues to act in belligerent defiance of the western world, keeping the surrounding nations in turmoil because of her hatred for Israel. Iran will join with Russia, Libya, Ethiopia and other Central European allies and will invade Israel seven years before Armageddon comes to pass; but there will be no World War III until Armageddon.

## WORLD WAR III

The first World War was merely a Central European war (the term “World War I” is actually a misnomer), and World War II was not world-wide either; it involved many nations to some extent, but most of the world’s nations were not represented militarily in the combat zones of WWII. But this next war *is* going to be world-wide! Listen to the terminology which the Bible uses in Zechariah 14:1-12. “Behold, the day of the LORD cometh [see, Armageddon will occur simultaneously with the return of Jesus Christ], and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather **all nations** against Jerusalem to battle....” Now, God did not say he would bring America and her allies against Russia and her allies; but instead God says *I am going to bring all nations against Jerusalem in this end-time World War III, and it will be called*

*Armageddon*. Zechariah went on to tell us (verse 2), “and the city shall be taken, and the houses will be rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.” The invading forces will capture half the city of Jerusalem, but the other half of the city will be spared.

## A TERRIFYING BATTLE

In the midst of that great, terrifying battle of Armageddon, the scriptures reveal exactly what will happen, beginning in Zechariah 14:3-4. “Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle [as in times past]. And his feet [this refers to Christ, as he returns in the midst of Armageddon] shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.” There is a purpose for this, which we shall discover shortly. The scriptures show us the *definiteness* of this revelation, and confirm that it is not merely an illusion, or a dream; it is the Word of God.

## APPLE OF GOD’S EYE

God gave Zechariah this revelation for the End Time, the Last Days in which we are living (Zechariah 12:2-3,9): “Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it

shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. . . And it shall come to pass in that day, that ***I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.***” John revealed in Revelation 16:14 that antichrist will enlist the spirits of devils working miracles to persuade the kings of the earth and their armies to follow him, as he gathers them together to fight against Jerusalem. But God chose Israel for himself, and Jerusalem is the apple of his eye; God is the one who gave them that country, whether we like it or not, and he will come to their rescue. “For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth **the apple of his eye.**” (Zechariah 2:8). Therefore God says, *I am going to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem!*

## THE HUB

Everything that is happening among nations today, and everything that will happen among the concourse of nations throughout the future, is like a great wheel with its many spokes all connected to the hub, which is Jerusalem. Every nation’s future points to Jerusalem, and the Bible says that no nation can extricate itself from the controversy of Zion, “For it is the day of the LORD’S vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion [Jerusalem].” (Isaiah 34:8). Every nation is going to be drawn into that Great Day of the Lord, when Christ returns at the battle of Armageddon.

## A HOLOCAUST

Some think there will not be a holocaust, but Zechariah 14:12 describes what happens during this great battle of Armageddon in very much

detail: “And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.” In Revelation, John declares that because of this holocaust, the blood will flow to the horse bridles for 1,600 furlongs—176 miles—in that great amphitheater where the crucial battles of world conquest have been fought throughout history: the Valley of Esdraelon, the Valley of Jehoshaphat, or the Valley of Megiddo; the three names of this valley found in Bible prophecy. “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.” (Revelation 14:20).

## BLOOD

Isaiah also prophesied the bloodshed of this great slaughter: “Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it. For the indignation of the LORD is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter. Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcasses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood.” (Isaiah 34:1-3). The blood will flow to the horse bridles, and the mountains will melt with blood, because of the millions who die in this holocaust! And this is the reason that God will cleave the Mount of Olives in two upon Jesus’ return in the midst of this great battle, and cause part of the mountain to move over to the east, and part to the west: *so that all that blood can run down into the land of Idumea.*

## THE LAND OF ESAU

In Malachi 1:4, the scriptures reveal God's abhorrence for that land of Esau. "Whereas Edom saith, We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them...*the people against whom the LORD hath indignation for ever.*" Edom—also called Idumea—is the land of Esau, the land of God's curse! And after the great Battle of Armageddon has ended, before the blood of that holocaust has soaked into the Arabian desert and congealed, it will run down into Idumea through the open valley that is created when Jesus comes and puts his feet on the Mount of Olives. Then Isaiah describes how God will finish exacting his curse upon Edom (Isaiah 34:6-10), saying "the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea...their land shall be soaked with blood...And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch. It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever." God will kindle a fire there, and the smoke of the blood of those men that died in that holocaust will rise up forever.

## A WONDERFUL TIME

I tell you, it is going to be a wonderful time when Jesus returns to the nation of Israel. After the battle of Armageddon is over, Jesus will save the remnant of Jews that are gathered together in that nation which God gave them. God foretells, in Zechariah 13:1, "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to

the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness." But in order for that to take place, God will first "pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn." (Zechariah 12:10).

Today, Israel does not know Christ. They are the ones that rejected him, and decided they would rather have Barabbas—a thief, and a robber—than to have Christ! They cried, "His blood be on us and our children," and they have been guilty of that blood ever since. Who was responsible for driving those nails into his hands? The rulers of the Jews, and the whole Jewish nation: they accepted the responsibility of putting Christ to death. But when Christ comes to this earth again, his first act after bringing World War III to a stop will be to pardon the Jews. He is going to present himself bodily with the marks of shame that he suffered for our sins and iniquities, and will show the Jews the nail marks in his hands; and then they are going to ask him, "What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends." (Zechariah 13:6).

## JEWS RETURN

Then the Jews will turn to him, and weep and mourn. Zechariah 12:11-14 says, "In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the Valley of Megiddo. And the land shall mourn, every family apart [every family of the Jews]; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the

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family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart; All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.” The Jews will return back to God through Jesus Christ after World War III, and it will be that war that is responsible for the Jews’ conversion; without Armageddon, they would never have repented! God knows what he is doing, folks.

**This message will be concluded in our  
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