

2 **A R M A G E D D O N**

3 Session Three / Wednesday, January 31, 2007

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5 **Rev. 16:12-16**

6 **And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the**
7 **water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.**
8 **[13] And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon,**
9 **and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. [14] For**
10 **they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the**
11 **earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God**
12 **Almighty. [15] Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his**
13 **garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. [16] And he gathered them**
14 **together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.**

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16 **Rev. 19:17-21**

17 **And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to**
18 **all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together**
19 **unto the supper of the great God; [18] That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the**
20 **flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them**
21 **that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.**
22 **[19] And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered**
23 **together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. [20]**
24 **And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles**
25 **before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast,**
26 **and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire**
27 **burning with brimstone. [21] And the remnant were slain with the sword of him**
28 **that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls**
29 **were filled with their flesh.**

“Armageddon” is a word found only in Revelation 16:16 for the final battle ground between the forces of good and evil. The Valley of Jezreel and the Plain of Esdraelon at the foot of Mount Megiddo were the scene of many decisive battles of Israel: the victory sung by Deborah and Barak (Judges 6:33); Saul’s death at the hands of the Philistines (I Sam. 31); where Josiah was slain in battle with Pharaoh-nechoh (II Kings 23:29,30); Ahaziah fled and was killed there (II Kings 9:27). The town of Megiddo guarded the pass which formed the easiest caravan route between the Plain of Sharon and the Valley of Jezreel, and the low mountains around were silent witnesses of perhaps more bloody encounters than any other spot on earth, continuing down to recent times. Hence the appropriateness of this place for the vast conflict pictured in Revelation 16.

(Merrill C. Tenney, *The Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary*, Zondervan Publishing House, page 71)

1 Secular history is filled with stories of great generals who fought at Armageddon:

- 2 ■ Rameses 1350 B.C.
- 3 ■ Sargon 722 B.C.
- 4 ■ Sennacherib 710 B.C.
- 5 ■ Nebuchadnezzar 606 B.C.
- 6 ■ Ptolemy 197 B.C.
- 7 ■ Antiochus Ehipanes 168 B.C.
- 8 ■ Pompeii 63 B.C.
- 9 ■ Titus 70 A.D.
- 10 ■ Omar 637 A.D.
- 11 ■ Saladin who encountered Richard the Lion-Hearted there in 1187 A.D.

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13 □ Armageddon is the name of the final battle between God and Satan prior to the
14 Millennium. In our study tonight, we will open the scriptures to show the build-
15 up of this epic venture which concludes the TRIBULATION, that seven year
16 period of horror on earth that follows the RAPTURE of Christ's Church.

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18 □ **Here again is the end-time scenario:**

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- 20 ● The next event will be the Rapture of the Church
- 21 ● The Raptured Saints (living and those who died earlier) will be instantly
22 with the Lord. They will stand before the Lord at the Judgment Seat of
23 Christ to determine their eternal rewards and then taken to the Marriage
24 Supper of the Lamb.
- 25 ● On earth, the next seven years following the Rapture will be the Tribulation
26 which will last for seven years.
- 27 ● The Tribulation will be opened by the advent of the Antichrist.
- 28 ● There will be three sets of divine judgement on the earth: The Seal
29 Judgments, the Trumpet Judgments, and the Bowl (or Vial) Judgments. All
30 of these will be supernatural in scope and content and NOT man's
31 inhumanity to man.
- 32 ● When the sixth Bowl Judgment is broken (see scripture at top of page 1,
33 line 6) the armies of the world will meet for the Battle of Armageddon.
34 While the battle ground will encompass far more than the Valley of
35 Esdraelon (or Armageddon), that 25 mile long valley in the north of Israel
36 will be the centerpiece.

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38 **ANTICHRIST, THE COMING GREAT WORLD DICTATOR**

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40 From Dr. D. Pentecost's book, Prophecy For Today, page 80:

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42 *"The world is headed toward a unified political system and a unified religious system*
43 *that beggars description and defies imagination. The Word of God has had so much*
44 *to say about the warfare between God and Satan, between the kingdom of God and the*
45 *kingdom of darkness, between this world and the heavenlies. The Scriptures reveal*

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1 *that this conflict is going to come to its climax when Satan brings his great*
2 *masterpiece, the man of sin, the lawless one, the Beast, on this world scene as the head*
3 *of a great confederation of nations. This world is headed for a coming world-wide*
4 *dictatorship, under whom all nations shall be consolidated into one great world empire*
5 *that will center in the worship of Satan. This system will be characterized by*
6 *lawlessness, godlessness, and absolute authoritarianism. It will be the aim of this*
7 *dictator to exterminate every believer in Jesus Christ and to outlaw God from this*
8 *universe.”*

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10 Rev. 13:1-10

11 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a **beast** rise up out of the sea, having
12 seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name
13 of blasphemy. [2] And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as
14 the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his
15 power, and his seat, and great authority. [3] And I saw one of his heads as it were
16 wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after
17 the beast. [4] And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they
18 worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with
19 him? [5] And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies;
20 and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. [6] And he opened his
21 mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them
22 that dwell in heaven. [7] And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to
23 overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.
24 [8] And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in
25 the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. [9] If any man have
26 an ear, let him hear. [10] He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that
27 killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of
28 the saints.

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30 1. “The sand of the sea...” This refers to the sea of nations which is troubled like an
31 ocean with roaring and crashing waves – as empires rise and fall.

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33 2. Out of this maelstrom of the nations will come one brilliant, charismatic and
34 knowledgeable leader. This is Antichrist.

35 A. He is revealed FOLLOWING the rapture - see Revelation 4-6.

36 B. Antichrist will be the fulfillment of Christ’s taking the FIRST SEAL off God’s
37 book of Judgment.

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39 Rev. 6:1-2

40 **And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the**
41 **noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. [2] And I saw, and**
42 **behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given**
43 **unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.**

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45 (For further information, refer back in your notes to Session 2 (The Tribulation), pages 3
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1 (lines 21 through 40) and 4 (lines 1-20).

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3 3. Daniel gives us great insight into this coming world dictator:

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5 Daniel 7:7-10 (New Living Translation)

6 Then in my vision that night, I saw a fourth beast, terrifying, dreadful, and very strong.
7 It devoured and crushed its victims with huge iron teeth and trampled what was left
8 beneath its feet. It was different from any of the other beasts, and it had ten horns. [8] As
9 I was looking at the horns, suddenly another small horn appeared among them. Three of
10 the first horns were wrenched out, roots and all, to make room for it. This little horn had
11 eyes like human eyes and a mouth that was boasting arrogantly.

12 [9] I watched as thrones were put in place and the Ancient One sat down to judge. His
13 clothing was as white as snow, his hair like whitest wool. He sat on a fiery throne with
14 wheels of blazing fire, [10] and a river of fire flowed from his presence. Millions of
15 angels ministered to him, and a hundred million stood to attend him. Then the court
16 began its session, and the books were opened.

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18 (Dr. Pentecost, Prophecy for Today, page 80)

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20 ***Daniel's particular interest in this chapter is in the final form of this Gentile world***
21 ***power, in the last Gentile world ruler who will dominate and control Palestine and the***
22 ***Jews and bring the whole earth under his control. Here Daniel describes a great***
23 ***conquering power that has subjugated all things to itself because of the greatness and***
24 ***irresistibility of its might.***

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- 26 ● The beast (Antichrist) has horns....which represent nations. The crowns
27 represent authority over the nations.
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 - 29 ● It is the feeling of your pastor that the center of this authority will be end-time
30 Europe. It is the "revived Roman Empire." ON THE CHART OF DANIEL'S
31 IMAGE (CHAPTER 2), THIS EMPIRE IS REPRESENTED BY THE FEET
32 AND TOES....PART IRON (ROME) AND PART CLAY (OTHER
33 SUBSIDIARY NATIONS).
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 - 35 ● This end-time wicked empire will be some sort of a confederation of 10 rulers.
36 Revelation 13:1 portrays them as horns as does Daniel 7:7, 24 while Daniel 2:41-
37 44 portrays them as the toes of Nebuchadnezzar's dream-image. It is these toes
38 which the rock, Christ Jesus (Hallelujah!!!!) strikes at Armageddon.
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 - 40 ● Out of these ten nations and subsidiaries (horns) comes the 11th horn -
41 Antichrist. Daniel teaches us that he ousts three other "horns" or world leaders to
42 take his place as leader.
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1 There is a reasonably recent side-bar on Antichrist’s take over in the story of Adolf
2 Hitler’s dealing with Ernst Roehm, (his former friend and comrade in the establishment
3 of Nazism in Germany and head of the SA). See *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*
4 by William Shirer, pages 220-221.

6 CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ANTICHRIST

8 **1. ANTICHRIST WILL BE ELOQUENT OF SPEECH**

10 Daniel 7:20

11 I also asked about the ten horns on the fourth beast's head and the little horn that came
12 up afterward and destroyed three of the other horns. This was the horn that seemed
13 greater than the others and had human eyes and a mouth that was boasting arrogantly.

15 In Verse 25 Daniel informs us that:

16 **He will defy the Most High and wear down the holy people of the Most High. He**
17 **will try to change their sacred festivals and laws, and they will be placed under his**
18 **control for a time, times, and half a time.**

20 The stage is already being set for Antichrist: TV, internet, etc. And the spirit of
21 Antichrist (that is, against Jesus) is already rampant in the world.

23 **2. DOING AN “ABOUT FACE” ANTICHRIST WILL AGGRESSIVELY** 24 **OPPOSE THE JEWS** (... “wear down the people of the most high...”)

26 We know from Revelation 7 that during the Tribulation Period 144,000 Jews will be
27 converted, spirit-filled, and protected by God...and they will blanket the earth in revival
28 outreach.

30 **3. ANTICHRIST WILL BE ANTI-LAW**

32 He will reject all laws previously established and institute his own lawless system that
33 would stagger our imaginations if we could only know now what he will do.

35 **4. ANTICHRIST WILL HAVE WORLD-WIDE AUTHORITY FOR THE LAST** 36 **3 ½ YEARS OF THE SEVEN YEARS OF THE TRIBULATION.**

38 **5. WHERE DOES ANTICHRIST GET HIS POWER AND AUTHORITY?**

40 A. First...HE is energized by Satan himself. Rev. 13:2
41 And the dragon gave him his own power and throne and great authority.

43 B. The nations will give him, by common consent, authority over them:
44 Rev. 17:13 They will all agree to give their power and authority to him.

1 **6. WHY WILL ISRAEL CONSENT TO ANTICHRIST’S AUTHORITY AT**
2 **FIRST?**
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4 Antichrist will understand that the current Arab-Israeli dispute threatens world peace
5 (remember, according to Rev. 6:1,2 Antichrist comes into power on a “peace platform.”)
6 He is going to make an agreement with the Jews, promising their claim to the land of
7 Israel and he will concede that the Jews have ownership over “Eretz Israel,” the holy land
8 of Israel. (Dr. Pentecost: page 84) *“Israel will look to this man and conclude that the*
9 *man who gives the land back to them must be the one of whom Abraham spoke. They*
10 *will feel that he, Antichrist, fulfills the Abrahamic covenant. They will acknowledge*
11 *Antichrist as Messiah.*

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13 **7. ANTICHRIST WILL BREAK HIS COVENANT WITH THE JEWS**
14 **MIDWAY THROUGH THE TRIBULATION (THE ABOMINATION OF**
15 **DESOLATION).** He will move to Jerusalem and set up a false religious system. He
16 will have grand assistance from THE FALSE PROPHET.

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18 Rev. 13:11-18

19 Then I saw another beast come up out of the earth. He had two horns like those of a
20 lamb, and he spoke with the voice of a dragon. [12] He exercised all the authority of the
21 first beast. And he required all the earth and those who belong to this world to worship
22 the first beast, whose death-wound had been healed. [13] He did astounding miracles,
23 such as making fire flash down to earth from heaven while everyone was watching. [14]
24 And with all the miracles he was allowed to perform on behalf of the first beast, he
25 deceived all the people who belong to this world. He ordered the people of the world to
26 make a great statue of the first beast, who was fatally wounded and then came back to
27 life. [15] He was permitted to give life to this statue so that it could speak. Then the statue
28 commanded that anyone refusing to worship it must die.

29 [16] He required everyone—great and small, rich and poor, slave and free—to be
30 given a mark on the right hand or on the forehead. [17] And no one could buy or sell
31 anything without that mark, which was either the name of the beast or the number
32 representing his name. [18] Wisdom is needed to understand this. Let the one who has
33 understanding solve the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. His number is
34 666.

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36 1. During the Tribulation there will be a counterfeit Trinity. We believe in God the
37 Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost. Satan’s bogus trinity will be Satan the
38 Father, Antichrist the Son and the False Prophet as the Unholy Spirit.

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40 2. Antichrist will be the forced object of worship to all those living during the
41 Tribulation. **IMAGINE THE PERSECUTION OF TRIBULATION SAINTS DURING**
42 **THOSE YEARS!**

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44 3. The False Prophet will be energized by Satan to do miracles (vs. 13).
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1 4. The world will be given the IMAGE of the beast. I don't believe this is a
2 statue....but rather a forced understanding of the world concerning Antichrist.

This macabre process is clearly understood when one reads Theodore White's epic *The Making of the President 1968*. The book describes how the brain trust of Richard Nixon convinced America of a Nixon that no one had ever seen or known before. See especially page 10 in the Foreward (which I will read to you tonight.)

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5 5. Antichrist and his wicked triumvirate will not rule the entire world, however.
6 While he is wrecking havoc on the western world, the eastern world is gearing up for a
7 major war against him. Daniel writes, "Tiding from the east trouble him...."
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9 THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

10 11 Joel 3:2

12 "I will gather the armies of the world into the valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will
13 judge them for harming my people, for scattering my inheritance among the
14 nations, and for dividing up my land.
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16 Joel 3:9-13

17 Say to the nations far and wide: "Get ready for war! Call out your best warriors!
18 Let all your fighting men advance for the attack! [10] Beat your plowshares into
19 swords and your pruning hooks into spears. Train even your weaklings to be
20 warriors. [11] Come quickly, all you nations everywhere! Gather together in the
21 valley."
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23 And now, O Lord, call out your warriors!

24 [12] "Let the nations be called to arms. Let them march to the valley of
25 Jehoshaphat. There I, the Lord, will sit to pronounce judgment on them all. [13]
26 Now let the sickle do its work, for the harvest is ripe. Come, tread the winepress
27 because it is full. The storage vats are overflowing with the wickedness of these
28 people."
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30 (The valley of Jehoshaphat is also known as Esdraelon or Jezreel, but most
31 commonly known as the valley of Armageddon.)

32 Isaiah 34:1-4

33 Come here and listen, O nations of the earth. Let the world and everything in it
34 hear my words. [2] For the Lord is enraged against the nations. His fury is against
35 all their armies. He will completely destroy them, bringing about their slaughter. [3]
36 Their dead will be left unburied, and the stench of rotting bodies will fill the land.
37 The mountains will flow with their blood. [4] The heavens above will melt away and
38 disappear like a rolled-up scroll. The stars will fall from the sky, just as withered
39 leaves and fruit fall from a tree.
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1 **Zech. 12:2**

2 **I will make Jerusalem and Judah like an intoxicating drink to all the nearby**
3 **nations that send their armies to besiege Jerusalem.**

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5 1. Again I remind you that while the Valley of Armageddon will be the focal point, the
6 actual battle WAGED BY JESUS HIMSELF AGAINST THE ARMIES OF THE
7 WORLD will be much more widespread.

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9 2. NOW WHO ARE THE ARMIES?

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11 ● Following the rapture, the world will divide into huge segments - as opposed
12 to so many individual countries. Even in our own country, there have been
13 presidents who have promoted a “one-world” government.

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15 ● The first great segment will be the west, led by Europe. I believe it will also
16 include the United States and Israel. This segment will be led by Antichrist.

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18 ● The second great segment will be Russia, in my opinion. We read in Ezekiel
19 38 and 39 about the great “king of the north.” This segment will also include the
20 Arab states.

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22 ● The third great segment will be known as “the kings of the east.” Rev. 16:12
23 Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great Euphrates River, and it dried up
24 so that the kings from the east could march their armies westward without hindrance.

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27 3. In Daniel 11 we see the campaign of Armageddon outlined.

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29 PHASE ONE - EARLY IN THE TRIBULATION PERIOD, THE ATTACK ON
30 ISRAEL BY RUSSIA AND HER COHORTS / SEE EZEKIEL 38 AND 39

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32 It will begin with Antichrist, the head of the federated states of Europe:

33 **Daniel 11:36**

34 **"The king will do as he pleases, exalting himself and claiming to be greater than**
35 **every god there is, even blaspheming the God of gods. He will succeed—until the**
36 **time of wrath is completed. For what has been determined will surely take place.**

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38 4. Antichrist feels he is invincible and can do anything he chooses - not knowing God
39 has already set out a timetable for him that is quickly ticking away into oblivion.

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41 5. Daniel 11:40 tells us that the King of the North now gets into the picture. And
42 Antichrist lets the King of the North move himself into a dilemma and fatal position.

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44 **Daniel 11:40**

45 **"Then at the time of the end, the king of the south will attack him, and the king of**
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1 **the north will storm out against him with chariots, cavalry, and a vast navy. He will**
2 **invade various lands and sweep through them like a flood.**

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4 The King of the South will be Egypt and the King of the north will be Russia.

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6 (Dr. Pentecost: **Evidently what happens is that Russia, who has been sitting up**
7 **north, wants to get a world war started. They suggest to Egypt that Egypt has a**
8 **right to the land the Jews occupy. They suggest that while they (Russians) don't**
9 **have a pretext for going down to Israel, Egypt does have. They promise that if**
10 **Egypt will march against the Jews, they will then sweep down from the north and**
11 **join Egypt in the destruction of the Jews.** P. 121 Prophecy for Today

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13 6. Scripture indicates that the destruction in Jerusalem will be intense. But God will
14 then come down from Heaven with brimstone and fire and destroy this coalition. THIS
15 WILL LEAVE THE FEDERATED STATES OF EUROPE AS THE REMAINING
16 GREAT WORLD POWER.

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18 7. Now Antichrist moves into the remnant of Israel:

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20 **Daniel 11:41**

21 **He will enter the glorious land of Israel, and many nations will fall, but Moab,**
22 **Edom, and the best part of Ammon will escape.**

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24 (I believe the country of Jordan will be perhaps the safest place in the Middle East
25 during this time.)

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27 8. Now as we read in our text chapter **Revelation 16** the sixth angel pours its deadly
28 vial of God's judgment on the earth and the River Euphrates dries up.

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30 **(See on the globe the great divisions in the end time.)**

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32 This must be an amalgamation of great Eastern nations. I have been in China three
33 times and can tell you the construction of buildings and emergence as a powerhouse
34 nation of China is just unbelievable! You must see it to believe it! These people will
35 not be dominated by the European federation under Antichrist and will begin a move
36 toward Israel.

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38 **Daniel 11:44**

39 **But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him (Antichrist):**
40 **therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away**
41 **many.**

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43 **Rev. 9:14-16**

44 **Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are**
45 **bound in the great river Euphrates. [15] And the four angels were loosed, which**

1 **were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third**
2 **part of men. [16] And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred**
3 **thousand thousand (200-million): and I heard the number of them.**

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5 SO IN ISRAEL COMES THE LAST STAND: ANTICHRIST WITH HIS WESTERN
6 FORCES STANDING AGAINST THE APPROACHING FORCES OF THE EAST.

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8 Video of Armageddon

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10 NOW WHAT HAPPENS? Next week, February 7:

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12 **THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST TO PLANET EARTH**

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