

Judgement Day Coming

Last time we saw how the final organized resistance against Christ's authority is represented as that of "ten kings" who, says **Revelation 17:12-14** "will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful." The Lamb is Jesus Christ, who is the stone in **Daniel 2:45** which crushes the iron and clay feet with their ten toes. "The stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth" **v.35**, is Christ's kingdom, **v.45**.^{*1}

Christadelphians have long been expecting the uniting of the nations which will launch their final crusade against Jesus in Jerusalem. Events are summarized by four steps in "The **Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants - things which must shortly take place**" (1:1):

① **16:12** "Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up..." This cleared the way for the resurrection in 1948 of the State of Israel, to which Messiah will return. ^{*2}

② **13** "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. **14** For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." The collection of militarily weak nations of the Middle East during the lifetime of Jeremiah irrationally chose to resist the power of Babylon, and were all conquered - **Jeremiah 25:15-38**. The superstitious, influenced by paganism, believed that men possessed an immaterial soul, which departed the body after death, and, as a demon, continued its good or bad ways on the survivors. Mental illness was thus attributed to the malevolent activity of the bad demons, e.g., **John 10:20 ESV** "...He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?". The nations of Europe will fall under irrational influences which will prepare them - after Gogue's invaders **Ezekiel 38-39** have been destroyed on the mountains of Israel - for the coming final invasion of Christ's kingdom. ^{*3}

③ **Revelation 16:15** "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame." - The servants of God - those who have carefully read His message, and obeyed His call - are able to read "the signs of the times" (**Matthew 16:3**), and know that Christ's return comes next. ^{*4} This will be the time of the **Acts 24:15** "resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust". It will be **Romans 2:16** "the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ" who **6** "will render to each one according to his deeds: **7 eternal life** to those [the just] who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality" - they seek for immortality because they are not yet immortal souls - **8** but to those [the unjust] who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness - **indignation and wrath, 9 tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil.**"

④ **Revelation 16:16** "And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, **Armageddon**," which means "hill of Megiddo." Tel Megiddo is located about 30 km SE of Haifa and overlooks the Plain of Esdraelon, a place of decisive battles from ancient times until September 19, 1918 when field marshal Allenby won a decisive victory, driving the Turks out of the Holy Land. It was after this feat that he was created 1st Viscount Allenby of Megiddo and Felixstowe.^{*5} This same location will evidently be the bridgehead of the "ten kings" military drive towards their planned capture of Jerusalem. ^{*Contact us for more details at contact@vancouverchristadelphians.com : 1- The ten kings; 2 - Euphrates dried up; 3 - Spirits of demons; 4 - The near return of Christ; 5 - Significance of Megiddo.}