



Bible Prophecy Guide

Armageddon & The Millennium

Summary 12

Matthew 24:14-31 – Notice these key events:

1. The Gospel will be preached.
2. The Abomination of Desolation.
3. The Great Tribulation
4. Signs in the heavens.
5. 2nd Coming

What is the abomination of desolation spoken of here?

1st Abomination of Desolation

Daniel 1:1-2 - We see here that God left His temple and gave the articles in His temple to Babylon. What abominations led to this desolation?

Ezekiel 16:30, 35 – Israel is referred to as a Harlots in this prophecy. Ezekiel is clear that the reason she is referred to as a harlot is because she has adulterated herself with the heathen and their idolatry.

Ezekiel 8:15-16 – One of the greater abominations of which she committed many, was the worship of the sun. Notice too they turned their back on the sanctuary of God.

Ezekiel 8:17-18 – God said that these abominations would lead to God's wrath.

Jeremiah 17:27 – Here we see that the people of God were warned that if they disregarded His Holy Sabbath, then Jerusalem would be devoured. Thus the disregard of the Sabbath was an abomination that would lead to desolation. Why?

Ezekiel 20:12, 20 – Because the Sabbath was a sign between God and man that He was the One who would sanctify them and make them holy. By disregarding the Sabbath, they were in essence ignoring this promise. Thus they were seeking salvation by works, rather than by faith. So it will be at the end of time. More on this in a minute.

2nd Abomination of Desolation

Daniel 9:27 – Here Daniel predicted this abomination of desolation and how it would occur after the crucifixion. Thus in 70 AD the temple was ultimately destroyed as Jesus had predicted in Matthew 24.

Haggai 2:3,6-7,9 – In speaking of the 2nd temple that would take the place of Solomon's temple, it said that it would not be nearly as impressive as the first. Yet the glory of the 2nd temple would be greater because Jesus Christ would visit the second one while on earth

Matthew 21:12-13 – Jesus called this 2nd temple His house when He sent out the money changers.

Matthew 23:37-38 - When Jesus wept over Jerusalem, He said that they had rejected the prophets and referred to the temple as theirs and that it was left unto them desolate.

Matthew 24:20 – It was clear that the true followers of God would be Sabbath keepers, thus they would have the seal of God. Yet, in spite of their keeping of Sabbath, they defiled the Sabbath by seeking to keep it with their rules and regulations instead of how God had instructed them too. God's instructions pertaining to the keeping of the Sabbath are simple. See Exodus 20:8-11 and Isaiah 58

3rd Abomination of Desolation

Daniel 8:13-14 – Says that again there will be a time in which transgression or abominations will transpire leading up to the cleansing of the Sanctuary. We studied this prophecy earlier and discovered the 2300 years ended in 1844. Thus God has begun the pre-advent judgment on those who profess His name. But the judgment continues until Revelation 15 takes place when probation closes.

Revelation 13:6 – It says that the papacy would blaspheme his name and temple. Reminds us of the religious leaders in Ezekiel's day in Ezekiel 8:15-18 and Jeremiahs 17:27.

Luke 21:20 – In a parallel passage to Matthew 24:15, we discover the abomination of desolation will take place in Jerusalem when the armies surround the city. So history tells us that when Roman soldiers first surrounded Jerusalem, they all bowed before their standards which contained the symbols of an eagle and the sun. They worshipped the sun because they embraced the religion of Mithraism. So when they bowed, this was the sign. Josephus tells us that for some reason the army turned away which caused some Jews to think that God had delivered the army into their hands and thus they chase after them. Other within the city who were true followers of God took this as a warning and fled as God had instructed them to do thus escaping death. Later the Roman army came and destroyed Jerusalem in 70 AD and thus Jerusalem was left desolate.

Revelation 12:17 – The devil is enraged with the woman and makes war with her.

Revelation 13 – We see how the devil makes war with her and since from Revelation 12 we know that his returns to make war with her after the 1260 years, we realize that vs 17 is really fulfilled in Revelation 13:11-18. Here is a description of how the line is drawn in the sand if you will when the worship of the beast is enforced by legislation. This establishes the Abomination of Desolation for God withdraws His presence with leads to the 7 last plagues (Rev 16). Probation is closed (see Rev 15). God's people are protected however as they remain by faith in Him. The Roman standards contained an eagle and a symbol of the sun. So it came to the point that Rome sought to overtake Jerusalem and finally destroyed it. So when protestant America (whose symbol is of the eagle) seeks to enforce Sunday worship with its roots in sun worship, so they will seek to destroy God's people. And as John 16:2 says, they will think they are doing God's service.

Revelation 14:1-5 – We are given a glimpse at those who will resist the mark by taking the seal of God.

Revelation 14:6-12 – Then we take a step back as it were and are given the message that is to be shared with the world in light of this coming test. Notice it's a gospel message along with warnings.

Revelation 14:14-20 – So as a result of the message, God begins to issue his judgment by gathering the wicked for judgment. This is what the righteous had cried out for in the 5th seal of Revelation in chapter 6.

Revelation 15:1-8 – This is the close of probation as God finishes his cleansing of the Sanctuary. Revelation 11:19 – Tells us that this is Christ coming out of the Most Holy Place just before He comes. Now it is clear why the wicked are judged because if the righteous have been identified in the first phase of judgment, then it means the wicked are now clearly identified as well. It's clear why he's gathering the wicked individuals together for judgment.

Revelation 16:1-11 – Here we find listed 5 of the plagues which will befall the wicked but not the righteous.

Revelation 16:12-17 – The battle of Armageddon will occur at the end of time and will be the final battle between good and evil. It will include the dragon, the beast and the false prophet. The description of the Euphrates river reminds us of Daniel 5 when Babylon was destroyed. Based on the main characters in this story, we see that it is the climax of what unfolded in Revelation 13 and thus involves the same issue. Thus they seek to destroy God's people over the matter of worship.

Revelation 16:15 – Notice the key issue is accepting the garments of Christ. In Eden, Genesis 2:25 says they were naked but had no shame. That is they wore no man made garments. Psalm 104:1-2 describes God's garments as light. Psalm 8:5 says they were crowned with glory. When they sinned their eyes were opened (Gen 3:7) and they realized they were naked. They made fig leaves but still felt shame. Man made coverings didn't offer peace as shown in Gen 3:9-10. They still felt naked. So in Gen 3:21 God made tunics for them to wear which undoubtedly helped them to understand that God would send a lamb to die for their sins. Genesis 4:1-8 tells of how Abel offered a sacrifice which presupposed that He had been instructed on what this was to look like. Cain, offered a sacrifice that was his own choosing. Cain's offering could not be accepted because it involved no blood, it involved disobedience, and it involved man's substitute instead of God's. In the story of Cain & Abel we see that they were brothers, they were both religious, they both worshipped, they both built an altar, they both offered an offering, they both claimed to worship the true God. The difference was blood, obedience, and worship on God's terms. Thus at the end, the 14400 who have washed their robes in the blood of the lamb (Revelation 7:13) and who keep the commandments of God (Revelation 14:12) and have the seal of God which is the Sabbath, (Revelation 7:4 & 14:1) are to be contrasted with the lawless antichrist system who offers a substitute day for worship and who disobey God's law and who offer a bloodless atonement because they are trusting their own ways over God's only way to Salvation.

Revelation 17:1-5 - Here again we see a harlot. She has adulterated herself with the kings of the world. She has colorful garments and jewelry. It is clear from the symbols that this harlot is Papal Rome and is riding on the beast which reminds us of the dragon of Revelation 12 which as we have noted is also appropriately associated with pagan Rome. (The 1st beast of Rev 13 says the 1st beast was given it's seat by the dragon Rev 13:2 which shows us the harlot is the same system as the 1st beast of Rev 13) This papal system is labeled as the mother of harlots and of the abominations. But notice she has daughters, which reflect those churches who have followed after her by accepting her times and laws as we studied in part in Daniel 7:25. Thus God's church in the dark ages (1260 years of prophecy 538-1798) led out in abominations against God by defiling herself with the heathens. Today the papacy(harlot) and apostate Protestantism (daughters), that is those who follow her by keeping the

mark of her authority (Sunday) are continuing to lead in this act until God will eventually leave the temple in heaven to come get His remnant.

Revelation 17:16 – Here we see prophesied the day when the kingdoms of the world (ten horns) will make her desolate and naked and destroy her. Thus the nations will one day as prophesied turn on Papal Rome to make war against her.

Revelation 18:21-24 - This chapter begins by inviting God's people to come out of Babylon before their probation closes. For her plagues (Rev 16) are soon to come according to vs 4 & 8 of chpt 18. Then it describes her desolation in these vs 21-24.

Revelation 12:17; 13:7; 17:13-14; 19:19 – Satan is battling against God and His people.

Armageddon comes from two Hebrew words, "Har" which is translated mountain and "Megiddo" which refers to an ancient city. If you look at the root word in Hebrew for Megiddo you discover the word "Mo 'ed" meaning assembly. Hence we see a reminder of the phrase, mount of the assembly as one sees in **Isaiah 14:13**. Hence we see clearly what Satan's intent is in this battle. But as we see from the text, the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet are involved in this battle.

Revelation 19:11-21 – The victory at Mt Carmel (1 Kings 18) has many similarities to the story of the battle of Armageddon. The bottom line is that Jesus wins.

To summarize, we know that the battle of Armageddon takes place just prior to the second coming and essentially ends with the second coming based on what we've already read and based on the 7th plague description in Rev. 16:17-21 which in many ways parallels Revelation 6:12-17. Let us be clear, the battle of Armageddon is a spiritual battle which culminates with God destroying the wicked at His 2nd coming and rescuing His saints by whisking them away to heaven. However, while the false prophet and beast are defeated at the second coming, we still see the remains of the dragon himself, and thus we will look now at how it ultimately is ended.

Revelation 20:1-6 - After Christ comes at the second coming to take His people home, Satan will be bound for a 1000 years here on earth while God's saints sit in judgment in heaven. Let's break this down so we can understand more clearly the chain of events.

Beginning of the 1000 years . . .

John 5:28-29 – There are two resurrections, the resurrection of the righteous and the wicked.

Revelation 20:5-6 - the first resurrection involves the righteous who died in Christ.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 – 1st resurrection occurs at the second coming

John 14:2-3 – Jesus is preparing a place for when He comes back to take His people home.

Revelation 20:5 – The wicked dead remain dead at the second coming.

2 Thessalonians 2:8 – The lawless will be destroyed who are living at Christ's second coming.

Revelation 6:15-17 - The wicked who are living hide and cry for death when Jesus comes to take His people home.

Jeremiah 25:33 - The wicked who are alive at the second coming die from the brightness of Christ's coming and remain as refuse on the ground.

During the 1000 years . . .

Revelation 20:2-3 – Satan is bound to this earth for a 1000 years.

Jeremiah 4:23-26 – The earth is without form and void. The world is desolate.

Revelation 20:6, 4 - The righteous are in heaven during the millennium and are reigning with Christ. Those who go to heaven have a 1000 years to review the books and judgment is given unto them. Here the righteous have their questions answered.

1 Corinthians 6:3 – We will be allowed to judge the angels who were cast out of heaven and the wicked who remain on earth.

End of the 1000 years . . .

Revelation 20:7, 5 – Satan is released from his prison. The rest of the dead are raised at this time and Satan goes out to deceive them.

Jude 14, 15 – The saints come back with Jesus when He comes to take care of the wicked.

Revelation 21:2 – The heavenly city comes down towards the earth at the end of the 1000 years.

Revelation 20:8-9 – Satan will go out to deceive the nations to gather them to battle against God and His holy city with all its saints. They go up to attack the city and God destroys them by fire. To go up on the mount of the assembly reminds us of Satan's original desire as mentioned in **Isaiah 14:13**.

Revelation 20:11-15 – The wicked are judged and destroyed for their own sake.

Three Phases of Judgment

1. Judgment of the righteous for the sake of the universe (1844 up through the 2nd coming)
2. Judgment of the wicked for the sake of the righteous (During the Millennium)
3. Judgment of the wicked for the sake of the wicked (At the end of the Millennium)

Philippians 2:10-11 – Every knee will bow and worship God, even Satan himself. Then after this moment of worship, there will be the great final battle as they arise to fight the heavenly host.

Ezekiel 28:7, 18-19 – Satan and sin will finally be destroyed by the mercy of God. They wouldn't be happy with God because they don't know and understand God.

PARTIAL LIST OF WHO'S WHO IN BIBLE PROPHECY*

Little Horn = Papacy

Dragon = Pagan Rome/ Satan

1st Beast of Revelation 13 = Papacy

Mark of the Beast = Sunday Worship

Seal of God = Sabbath

2nd Beast of Revelation 13 = United States of America

Two Horns on 2nd beast = Republicanism & Protestantism

False Prophet = Apostate Protestantism

Image to Beast = When Church & State Unite

Babylon = United Apostate Religions

**Based on our previous studies, these are the obvious conclusions drawn.*

Sequence of Last Days Events

