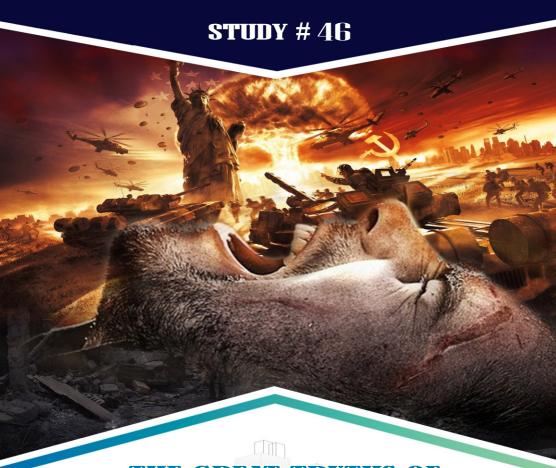
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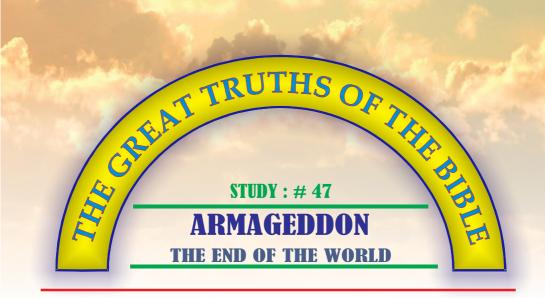
THE END OF THE WORLD



THE GREAT TRUTHS OF

THE BIBLE

"Thy word is truth" ...John 17:17



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Today we will take up the study of a topic that is a matter of great curiosity today.



Most recently an American English film called "ARMAGEDDON" was made on this subject. Many people are very **CURIOUS** as to

.....HOW THIS WORLD is going to end!

So today we will take up this subject and look in

"the book of the Lord" (Isaiah 34:16)

....for these answers and the various details!

HOW WILL THIS WORLD END? AND WHAT IS MEANT BY "ARMAGEDDON"?

We will begin by bringing to mind the verse which speaks of how this "present evil world" or SECOND WORLD will come to an end as we read from -

II Peter 3:7

"But the heavens and the earth which are NOW, by the same word are kept in store, RESERVED UNTO FIRE against the day of judgement and perdition of ungodly men."

Yes! This SECOND WORLD, in which we are now living in, is to COME TO AN END



.... "by fire".

How does this "fire" DESTROY this second world? We see it described in -

II Peter 3:10

"But the DAY OF THE LORD will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the **ELEMENTS** shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up".

This is the **KEY VERSE** which we are going to study today - it speaks of **THE MANNER OF THE END OF THIS WORLD**.

Firstly as we look at the DESCRIPTION OF THE DESTRUCTION "by fire" we see -

"the ELEMENTS shall melt with fervent heat..."

AND

"the WORKS that are therein shall be burned up..."

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

We already studied in the early classes that "fire" this and "burning" is NOT LITERAL for the "elements" and the "works" are.....NOT INFLAMMABLE!!

We know that -



represents the parts of the "earth" or the VISIBLE HUMAN RULERSHIP AND ITS SYSTEMS OF -





represents all the EVIL of these systems -.....SELFISHNESS, GREED, etc as seen in Galatians 5:19-21.

None of these can be LITERALLY BURNT!

But is used here as a SYMBOL to denote -

UTTER AND COMPLETE CONSUMING DESTRUCTION.

Having understood this matter we now come to the important **SECOND** point as to



....THE PERIOD

WHEN this destruction by "fire" is to take place! Yes! Let us now turn for the answer to -

II Peter 3:10

"But the DAY OF THE LORD will come as a thief in the night..." There it is! The period called

..... "the day of the Lord."

Yes! It is the period after the second coming of the Lord!! Yes | AFTFR 1874 |

WE ARE NOW LIVING INTO THAT PERIOD AND....VERY CLOSE TO THE CLIMAX OF THIS DESTRUCTION.

> Let us read of this period - "the day of the Lord" as described in other scriptures in -

> > Amos 5:18-20

"Woe unto you that desire the day of the Lord! To what end is it for you? the day of the Lord is darkness, and not light. As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house,

and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him. Shall not the day of the Lord be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?"

And again in

Joel 2:1-3, 11 / 14-18

"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand; a day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations. A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them."

Vs 11 - "And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?"

Vs 14-18 - "Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God? Blow the trumphet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them, wherefore should they say among the people, where is their God? Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people."

And again in......

Zephaniah 1:7, 14-18

"Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord GOD: for the day of the LORD is at hand: for the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests."

And yet again in.....

Nahum 1:7-8

"The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him. But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies."

And finally in....

Malachi 4:1

"FOR, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch."

Yes! All these scriptures speak of the "day of the Lord" as a GREAT and TERRIBLE day of "vengeance" and RETRIBUTION.

In Zephaniah 1:15 the word "clouds" are a SYMBOL and signify TROUBLE as we read in -

ZEPHANIAH 1:15 - "That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness."

Thus we see that this "day of the Lord" is the period of time when the END OF THE WORLD will come.

Now by studying the various scriptures for this "day" we shall understand HOW EXACTLY this END will come!!

Let us begin with -

II Peter 3:10

"But the DAY OF THE LORD will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the ELEMENTS shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up".

Here the reference to the "heavens" and.....the "earth" and Its "elements" and "works" can be GRAPHICALLY REPRESENTED as hereunder –



YES! These arrangements of the world in



which was under the control of Satan for 6000 years is to be UTTERLY DESTROYED.

Please NOTE that the aim of the Lord is....to DESTROY the SYSTEMS

....And NOT the people - though THE SYSTEMS DO CONTAIN people and thus.....MANY WILL DIE !!!

For let us remember the words of Jesus in -

Luke 9:56 - "For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives but to save them...."

Yes! God's aim is to SAVE mankind through this destruction - much like a surgeon does with

...his KNIVES and CUTTING during an operation!

So now let us take a look at how each of these "elements" or SYSTEMS are brought to an end.

Let us begin with .



We read of how this governmental system of the world is to be destroyed in -

Zephaniah 3:8

"Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the Lord until the day that I rise up to the prey:.....to GATHER THE NATIONS......to ASSEMBLE THE KINGDOMS to pour upon them my indignation....my fierce anger...all the EARTH shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy."

Here in this scripture we see the Lord's words of - "gather the nations and assemble the kingdoms...."

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

It speaks of a drawing together of "nations and kingdoms" of COUNTRIES and GOVERNMENTS.

YES! A JOINING TOGETHER OF NATIONS AND GOVERNMENTS!

We see this prophecy being fulfilled before our very eyes today!

First there was a gathering of nations called -



All nations and governments are coming together and barriers of language and race are being broken down!!

TODAY THE NAME FOR THIS IS....GLOBALIZATION!

Yes! The nations are all joining together FOR THEIR

OWN SELFISH REASONS!!

Yes! This is not a joining together motivated by love or the intention to help each other but rather THE REVERSE!!

The **MOTIVATION** is to **help themselves** and to **GAIN** what they can from each other.

Thus the **NATIONS** are all **COMING** together for their own **PERSONAL BENEFITS**!!

But God's PURPOSES are all being FULFILLED!

Yes! The first half of Zephaniah 3:8 is now ALMOST FULFILLED!

The second half and the purposes of God will ALSO VERY SOON be fulfilled -

"to pour out my indignation, all my fierce anger.... all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy."

Yes! ALL the countries and governments will learn

COMMON LESSONS

in the great troubles that are coming upon them

like the **Tsunami of December 2004** (that came upon 12 Countries).

And finally we read of THE END OF THE MATTER in -

Jeremiah 30:11

"...though I make a FULL END of all nations whither I have scattered thee.."

Here the words "...I make a full end of all nations..."

is a reference to HOW ALL FORMS OF GOVERNMENT in the nations of the world WILL ALL COLLAPSE and be brought to an END!!

This matter is picturised in the prophecy of

Daniel 2nd chapter

in verses 34 and 35 where the "stone" is seen -

"Which smote the image upon his feet....and brake them to pieces....then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver and the gold broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors...."



Yes! The **POUNDING** of the "image" to "pieces" and these "pieces" to.... "chaff" or **POWDER** represents -

THE UTTER DISINTEGRATION OF ALL FORMS OF GOVERNMENT.

This matter is further represented in a prophecy in -

Amos 5:19

"As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him: or went into the house and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him."

This is a wonderful prophecy **DETAILING** the "failure" of the various "forms of government" in the period of "the day of the Lord."

Let us now look at the **MEANING** and **SIGNIFICANCE** of the symbolic language used -



This is a general term used to refer to ALL MANKIND -



of the period of the "day of the Lord".

Yes! This is a reference to MONARCHY and the "lion" is the SYMBOL of the BRITISH EMPIRE which was

THE LARGEST of all monarchies.

This "flee from a lion" represents the deliverance from the grip of MONARCHY which happened after 1914



and the FIRST WORLD WAR.

Then what do we read -



Here the "bear" represents the "form of government" that became popular after the fall of MONARCHY !

> Yes! It was COMMUNISM!

The "bear" incidentally was the symbol of RUSSIA which was



....the FATHERLAND OF COMMUNISM!

Communism was accepted by Russia,....China, and....many nations of Europe.

But this also did not last long.

The fatherland of Communism - RUSSIA broke into many bits and communism disappeared from many nations of Europe and gave way to

THE NEXT FORM OF GOVERNMENT which we read about in -



"went into the house and leaned his hand on the wall..."

Here "the house" is a symbol of the next "form of government" that became popular.

Yes! It symbolizes **DEMOCRACY** which is an **"in house"** form of government so to speak!!

OF the people,....BY the people and....FOR the people!

But what do we read will happen to democracy?

Yes! Though **DEMOCRACY** seems

to be the most

SECURE and ACCEPTABLE form of government for a time -

Yes! "...leaned his hand on the wall..."

....yet we see that, IT TOO WILL FALL, because we read
"....and a serpent bit him."

DEMOCRACY will be very **SUCCESSFUL** and **SECURE** but it will fall a victim of the



The "serpent" here represents DECEPTION and LIES

which will lead TO THE FAILURE OF DEMOCRACY too!

Thus finally with the FAILURE and FALL of ALL forms of government will come the condition of -



LAWLESSNESS and ANARCHY

as we read in -

Zechariah 14:13

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the Lord shall be among them; and they shall lay HOLD EVERY ONE ON THE HAND OF HIS NEIGHBOUR, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour."

Yes! This condition of ANARCHY will be the RESULT of THE COLLAPSE OF ALL GOVERNMENTS.

And that incidentally will be "the great time of trouble" upon the earth!!!

Let us now turn to the SECOND SYSTEM of "the earth" -



The **DESTRUCTION** of the social systems is described in great detail in -

Isaiah 24:1-5

"BEHOLD, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof. And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him. The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath spoken this word. The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish. The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant."

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

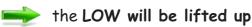
We find that here the "earth" represents **SOCIETY** or **SOCIAL SYSTEMS** and we find it confirmed in vs -1-

"BEHOLD, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof."

Yes! The "earth" here cannot be a reference to the LITERAL PLANET as the language taken LITERALLY would be ridiculous!

Imagine the EARTH as a planet being made EMPTY and turned UPSIDE DOWN and the people scattered "abroad" to OTHER PLANETS !!!

Ah! No! This is a reference to the **SOCIAL SYSTEM** and how the position of **SOCIETY** under the reign of evil will be **CHANGED** and **REVERSED**



....and the HIGH will be brought down.

This we read very clearly in prophecy in -

Isaiah 40 : 4

"Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill shall be made low..."

Yes! This is in symbolic language. Let us see the meaning of it -

Here the symbols are -



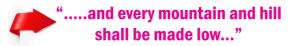
"every valley shall be exalted."

Here "valley" represents those living BELOW THE LEVEL of the BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS - the under privileged and



This class will be "exalted" and LIFTED UP towards the basic human rights level of MEETING THEIR NEEDS in FOOD / CLOTHING and SHELTER and.....A RESPECTABLE PLACE among all mankind.

And then we read -



Here "mountain and hill" represent those living FAR ABOVE the level of BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS.



This is a reference to the RICH, WEALTHY and POWERFUL of society.

This "class" through various means will be "made low" and all

....SPECIAL PRIVILEGES and ADVANTAGES will be removed.

Thus all STRATA of society will receive EQUAL justiceand ALL PARTIALITY and BIAS will be removed.

Yes! All "walls and barriers" between people in society will be BROKEN DOWN!!

A perfect example of this is in the HIGHLY DIVIDED and CLASS CONSCIOUS society of INDIA!

The WORKER and POOR class who would do the menial

jobs were **CLASSIFIED** as -



🛶what are known as SC / ST's

(SCHEDULED CASTES / SCHEDULED TRIBES).

They were even considered as "UNTOUCHABLES"!

Today such **DIVISIONS** and **CLASSES** are gradually disappearing as the children of such classes are getting **EDUCATED** and...even marrying into

...."HIGHER CLASSES" without any DIFFERENCES between them being felt at all !!

THIS WAS ALL UNTHINKABLE SOME 80-100 YEARS AGO !!

Yes! In this "day of the Lord" all these TRADITIONS and DIVISIONS will be utterly broken down as we read the matter symbolically described in -

Isaiah 24:19,20

"The earth is UTTERLY BROKEN DOWN, the earth is CLEAN DISSOLVED, the earth is moved exceedingly. The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage;.....and it shall fall AND NOT RISE AGAIN."

Yes! This speaks of a PERMANENT and COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF SOCIETY in its PRESENT ARRANGEMENT!!

And now let us turn to the THIRD SYSTEM of the "earth" -



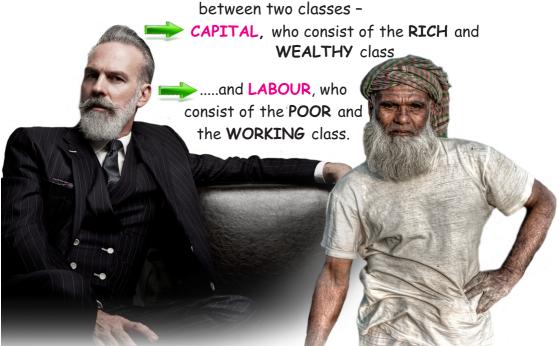
We read of the destruction of the financial system in prophecy in -

James 5:1 and 4

Vs -1 - "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you....."

Vs -4 "Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud crieth, and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth."

Yes! Here the APOSTLE JAMES speaks prophetically of the GREAT CONFLICT that will develop



All the FINANCIAL systems of the world consist of THESE TWO CLASSES.

And the DIFFERENCES between them IS VERY VISIBLE!

Due to the system being based on INJUSTICE the CAPITAL or RICH CLASS have greatly dominated and their condition is described in -

Vs -5- "...ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton..."



In fact it was THIS GREAT DIFFERENCE that



"sparked off"

THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

....in the late 18th century!

Yes! The ASTONISHING reaction of the QUEEN OF FRANCE when she suggested the people to -



"eat coke"

when she was told that the people who had gathered in a procession of protest at the palace gates were complaining they had -



"no bread to eat." !!

THIS REACTION later led to the French Revolution and the invention of





to come when MONEY and GOLD which is so highly prized today will reach a CONDITION which we read of in -

Ezekiel 7:19

"They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed...

......because it is the stumbling block of their iniquity."

Yes! It shall be AN ASTONISHING TIME!

Things greatly prized as treasures will be rendered as useless!!

And as for the fate of CAPITAL or THE RICH we read in prophecy in -

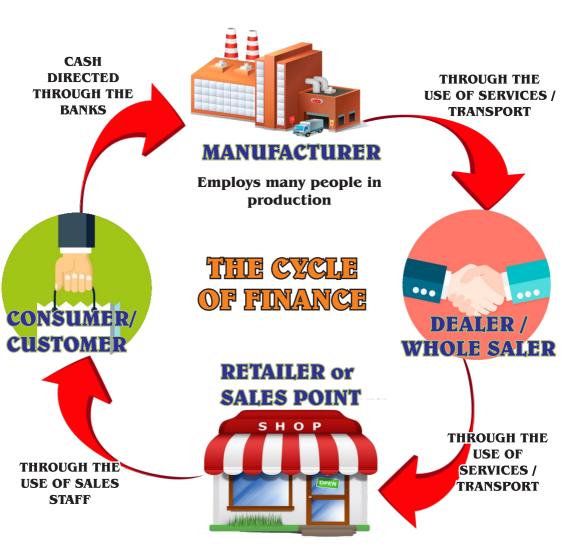
Lamentations 4:5

"They that did feed delicately are desolate in the streets, and they that were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills....."

Oh! How terrible a condition will come to those so used toLUXURY and THE RICHES OF THIS WORLD!

HOW will this financial system COLLAPSE?

The financial system work as a **CYCLE** and a break anywhere in that cycle can cause **THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ENTIRE SYSTEM** as seen in the chart below -



In order to QUICKEN THE DESTRUCTION of these financial systems the Lord introduces



What is that catalyst?



Yes! Mechanization and Technology first brings great blessings as -MACHINES REPLACE hard human labour

.....and bring forth GREATER PRODUCTION at LOWER COSTS.



But this gradually leads to **LOWER** and **LOWER** profit margins.

This causes employers to SEEK WAYS to increase their profits.

YES! TO EVEN REPLACE HUMAN LABOR WITH MACHINERY.

Thus machines more and more REPLACE human labor and this leads to UNEMPLOYMENT.

As unemployment increases the "BUYING POWER" of the masses decrease and the sale of products stagnates leading to employers seeking to remove more people from the LABOUR FORCE, leading to.....great DISSATISFACTION in the MASSES!!

This condition will worsen and lead to THE GREAT REVOLUTION we read about in -

Joel 2:2
"A great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like..."

YES! THIS IS THE COMING

"WORLD REVOLUTION".



And in this great WORLD REVOLUTION to come we read

THE LORD WILL BE ON THE SIDE OF THE

MASSES as we read from -

Revelation 10:2

"....And he set his RIGHT foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth."

Yes! The "sea" here represents what we read in
ISAIAH 57:20 - "But the wicked are like the troubled sea..."

And His "right foot" represents THE FAVOURABLE SIDE OF CONTROL as the "foot upon the sea" represents the Lord's DOMINION and CONTROL....over the situation!

It is seen that IT IS THE LORD'S WILL that in this REVOLUTION the RESTLESS MASSES WILL PREVAIL and thus the ENTIRE SYSTEM WILL BE DESTROYED!!



In the destruction of the religious systems the Lord's focus will be on **NOMINAL CHRISTIANITY** or "BABYLON" as referred to in the scriptures.

We read of this in prophecy in -

Revelation 16:13,14

"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon and.... of the beast, and....of the false prophet for they are the spirits of devils, working miracles...." Yes! This prophecy speaks in **SYMBOLS** and the symbolic meanings are -



This represents false and untrue.....WORDS AND TEACHINGS or PRONOUNCEMENTS.



This represents that these words have....."A FROG LIKE QUALITY", (are puffed up)!



This represents **PROCLAMATIONS** and the use of **THE MEDIUM OF SPEECH**.



This is a symbol of.....the **CIVIL POLITICAL POWERS** of the world.

*the beast""

This is a symbol of....the kingdom SYSTEM OF PAPACY.

"the false prophet"

This is a symbol of.....THE PROTESTANT CHURCHES FEDERATION.

Yes! This prophetic scripture speaks of the religious systems of NOMINAL CHRISTIANITY and their formation of

....a UNION or an ALLIANCE with THE CIVIL POWERS of government!

This scripture has begun fulfillment before our very eyes today!

Yes! The US PRESIDENT and THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER are the representatives of "the dragon" and soon "the beast" and "the false prophet" will also enter the picture!

Their proclamations we see today being made publicly through various media about the world problems of

.....TERRORISM,.....ECONOMY and.....NATURAL DISASTERS.

These words seem to PROMISE peace and solution of problems -

BUT ARE ACTUALLY A COMPLETELY MISLEADING

MATTER FROM GOD'S DIVINE PLAN POINT OF VIEW!

These words ("spirits") are said to be frog like!

What does this mean?

This is a **SYMBOLIC** reference to the **CHARACTER** and **NATURE** of these **WORDS** or **PROCLAMATIONS** -

- 1. These words will have AN AIR OF SUPERIOR WISDOM and knowledge as shown in the eyes of a frog!!
- 2. They will also have the quality of POMPOSITY and the claim of SELF IMPORTANCE as seen in the posture of a frog !!
- 3. Finally the feature of MANY WORDS BEING SPOKEN will have much sound like the continual croaking of a frog!

Yes! The UNION OF THESE THREE SYSTEMS and their ALLIANCE will bring forth such PROCLAMATIONS and WORDS to the world in the midst of the many troubles,

assuring PEACE and SAFETY at a time

when the Bible teaches THE OPPOSITE in -

I Thessalonians 5:3

"For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."

Yes! Unable to see the TRUTH these messages by these THREE systems will be



....HIGHLY MISLEADING TO THE PEOPLE.

And Yes! Babylon will gain much POPULAR SUPPORT as we read in -

Revelation 18:21

"And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone...."

Yes! Here the "great millstone" represents the great "SYSTEM OF SYSTEMS" - BABYLON.

Yes! Just as the "millstone" consists of TWO pieces

....the main stone and the smaller grinding stone



.....so too this SYMBOL includes the TWO SYSTEMS of NOMINAL CHRISTIANITY



ROMAN CATHOLICISMand.....



And it goes on to explain how BEFORE ITS FINAL DESTRUCTION it must be taken



.....and receive POPULAR SUPPORT and ACCLAIM!

This matter we read again in -

Revelation 17:11-13

"And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth and is of the seven.....and the ten horns which thou sawest......these have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast."

Yes! The "beast" is the PAPACY SYSTEM and the "ten horns" which "have one mind"

is THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU) of today

(The same nations that once constituted the Roman Empire in Europe.)

......and they will according to this prophecy soon give their UNITED SUPPORT to the Papacy.

All this will surely lead to the SURE DESTRUCTION OF BABYLON from its very supporters as prophecy clearly tell us in -

Revelation 17:16

"And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore and shall make her desolate..."

Yes! The IDENTITY of these systems as.....THE
ANTICHRIST will be made MANIFEST - hence the
reference to the "beast" as



And finally we read of THE FINAL DESTRUCTION in -

Revelation 18:21

"....And cast it into the sea saying, thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and SHALL BE FOUND NO MORE AT ALL."

Yes! Thus will the greatest and grandest of RELIGIOUS SYSTEMS be destroyed.

Imagine the reaction of all other religions all over the world when they behold the UTTER DESTRUCTION of these so called "CHRISTIAN" systems!!!

This period of time when ALL these systems are being destroyed is referred to by the Lord as we read in -

Matthew 24:21,22 / Mark 13:19,20

"For then shall be great tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time..."

Yes! A GREAT TIME OF TROUBLE - A PERIOD OF GREAT TROUBLE!



What does this word "Armageddon" mean?

Armageddon means MOUNT OF DESTRUCTION and refers to



....THE HILL OF MEGIDDO

which overlooks the GREAT BATTLE GROUND OF MEGIDDO

where great decisive battles were fought in Israel like -

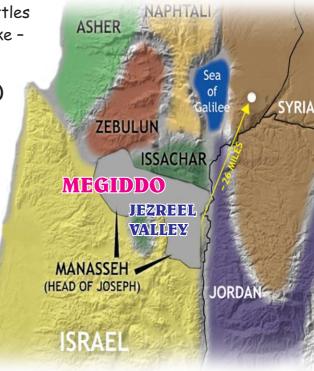
Gideon V/s Midian (JUDGES 7th chapter)

King Saul V/s the Philistines (I SAMUEL 31st chapter)

King Josaiah V/s Pharaoh Neco (II KINGS 23:29).

> So too this ALSO is to be the GREAT FINAL BATTLE

between -



TRUTH AND ERROR



CAPITAL AND LABOUR.

And as the Lord Himself says this SYMBOLIC "Armageddon" will be THE LAST BATTLE the world will ever fight, as we read in -

Matthew 24:21

"...no, NOR EVER shall be..."

What a great relief to read these words !!

But, Yes! Many will be those who WILL DIE in this period of "TROUBLE" as we read very clearly in -

Ezekiel 7:15

"The sword is without and the pestilence and the famine within he that is in the field shall die with the sword; and he that is in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him. ..."

Yes! It will be a TERRIBLE TIME!

But many WILL SURVIVE TOO as we read in -

Ezekiel 7:16

"But they that escape of them shall escape and shall be on the mountains like the doves of the valley, all of them mourning everyone for his iniquity....."

Yes! We read of these SURVIVORS again in -

Zechariah 14:16

"And it shall come to pass that everyone that is LEFT of all the nations which came against Jerusalem....."

Yes! THE FINAL FEATURE OF THIS PERIOD OF TROUBLE is when -



"all the nations" come......



"against Jerusalem."

Which brings us now to the CLIMAX so to speak of "THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON".



Jeremiah 30:4-7

"...Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even THE TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE, but he shall be saved out of it."

Yes! The CLIMAX of Armageddon is to be IN ISRAEL.

We further read of this same matter in -

Ezekiel 38:15,16

"And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou,

and many people with thee.....and thou shalt come up against

My people of Israel..."

Yes! ALL NATIONS ARE TO ATTACK AND OPPOSE

Israel especially from

..... "out of the north parts"

THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES



RUSSIA

This could be a reference to RUSSIA and THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

Again we read of the same in -

Zechariah 14:2

"For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle...."

Yes! The CENTER POINT of focus in THIS FINAL WAR involving all nations which will in later times be come to be called



IS TO BE THE NATION OF ISRAEL!!!

AND YES! GOD HIMSELF HAS PLANNED AND PERMITTED THIS ATTACK UPON ISRAEL!

This will be the FINAL FEATURE of the world's great time of trouble and will bring about the the DESTRUCTION of ALL the Second World systems!!

The scriptures ALSO seem to point out to a POSSIBLE NUCLEAR WAR!

We read details of this in -

Zechariah 14:12

"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."

This speaks of NUCLEAR RADIATION!

Yes! Possibly in this THIRD WORLD WAR, GOD will permit the use of nuclear weapons as a FINAL LESSON

TO ALL MANKIND!!!

But Israel is to be "SAVED" and MIGHTILY DELIVERED by God as we read in -

Zechariah 12:8,9

"In that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem..."

Regarding THE DOUBTS of how Israel could be protected from the RADIATION arising from so close, and all around them, we only have to turn for the answer to -



"And the princes, governors and captains, and the king's counsellors being gathered together saw these men upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them."

Yes! IT IS THE SAME GOD who delivered MISHAEL. AZARIAH and HANANIAH who will deliver Israel from the NUCLEAR WAR in a miraculous way that will be



....A WITNESS to "ALL THE NATIONS.".

But there is to be a "SILVER LINING" to all these "clouds of trouble".

We read of that in -

Zephaniah 3:9

"For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve Him with ONE CONSENT."

Yes! The "day of the LORD" helps to prepare the hearts of mankind for the judgement of the Millennial Age when the "pure language" of THE TRUTH from God's Word

.....and <u>THE HEALING RAYS</u> ("beams") of -"...the sun of righteousness..." (MALACHI 4:2)

....WILL, REACH OUT TO PEOPLE AND THEY WILL KNOW THEN
THAT GOD WAS ACTUALLY SAVING THEM
....AND NOT DESTROYING THEM

- JUST AS A DOCTOR DOES WHEN CONDUCTING A SURGERY WITH KNIVES AND NEEDLES IN THE OPERATION THEATER!!

For we see and remember the words of Jesus in - Luke 9:56

"for the son of man is NOT come to destroy men's lives
BUT TO SAVE THEM."

IF THIS BE THE INTENTIONS OF THE SON

....JESUS

IMAGINE THE INTENTIONS OF GOD THE FATHER !!

Yes! Mankind would have reached the END of their IDEAS,
PHILOSOPHIES and RULING and then -

MAN'S HELPLESS EXTREMITY.....
....WILL BECOME GOD'S OPPORTUNITY!

Yes! Then God's **VISIBLE KINGDOM** of blessings will be established in Israel

.....which had begun INVISIBLY ALREADY in October 1874.

.....and ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH will seek God in Israel as we read in -

ISAIAH 2:2-4

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

And again in -

MICAH 4:1-3

"But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into

pruninghooks: nations shall not lift up a sowrd against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Yes! They will **BE WILLING** to learn the ways of **TRUTH** and **RIGHTEOUSNESS!!**

And then let us read in....

Jeremaiah 16:19-20

"O LORD, my strength, and my fortress and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit. Shall a man make gods unto himself, and they are no gods?"

And, oh yes! They will realize **ALL THEIR FOOLISH**TRADITIONS!

And then we read in....

Isaiah 17:7,8

"At that day shall a man look to his maker, and his eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Israel. And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands, neither shall respect that which his fingers have made, either the groves or the images."

Yes! Then they will leave the IDOLS and "gods" made by their hands and LOOK TO THEIR MAKER -



Yes! Their "eyes of understanding" will OPEN GRADUALLY
to UNDERSTANDING!!

And further we read of their reactions in



And then again we read in.....

Psalms 22:27,28

"All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord: and all kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee. For the kingdom is the LORD'S and he is the governor among the nations."

Yes! ALL the ends of the earth and

FROM EVERY GENERATION in....the resurrection

.....shall turn to the Lord and WORSHIP HIM!

And finally we read of the CONDITION OF ALL at the END OF THE KINGDOM in -

Isaiah 25:9

"...Lo, this is our God, we have waited for him, and he will save us:

this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation...."

Yes! They will ALL FINALLY proclaim these words of JOY about

