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Isaiah 34:8–10

⁸For Jehovah hath a day of vengeance, a year of recompense for the cause of Zion, ⁹And the streams of Edom shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch. ¹⁰It 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 (ASV, 1901).

This is one of the various descriptions of the Tribulation in the Bible, A Day of Vengeance.

THE CAMPAIGN OF ARMAGEDDON

The Campaign of Armageddon is actually a multi-staged event. It is not just the invasion of Jerusalem.

The campaign of Armageddon involves eight stages. They are as follows:

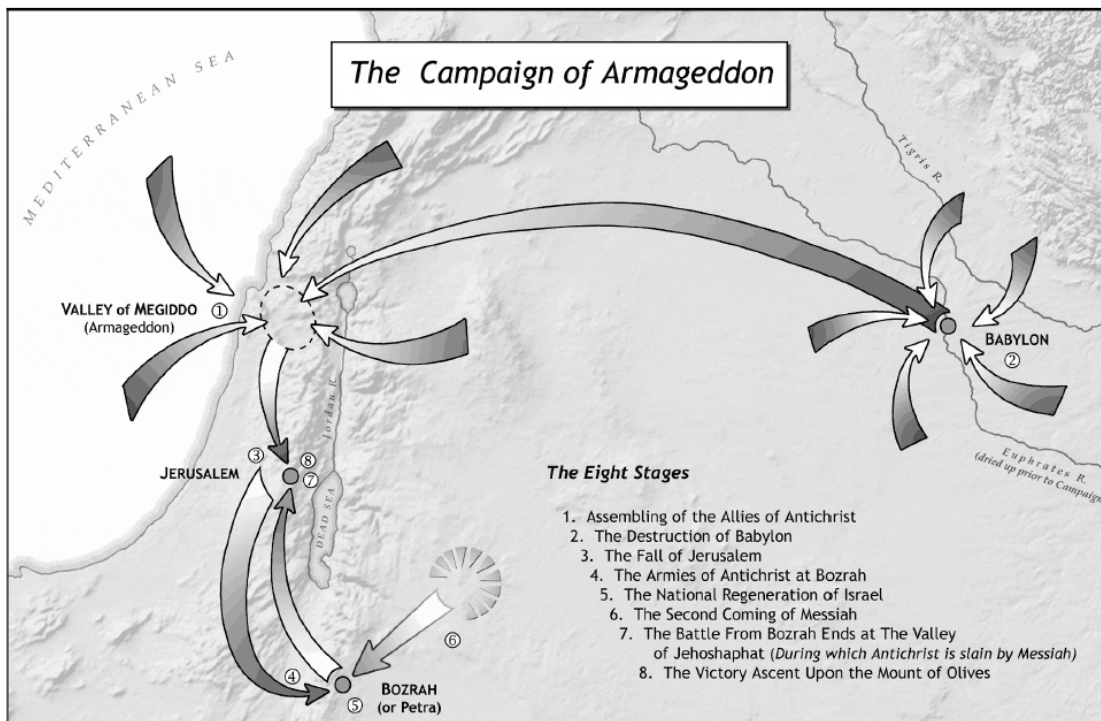
- ~~1. The Assembling of the Allies of the Antichrist.~~
- ~~2. The Destruction of Babylon.~~
- ~~3. The Fall of Jerusalem.~~
- ~~4. The Armies of the Antichrist at Bozrah (Petra).~~
- ~~5. The National Regeneration of Israel (Zechariah 12)~~
6. The Second Coming of the Messiah.
 - a. The Place of the Second coming.
 - b. The Manner of the Second Coming.
7. The Battle from Bozrah to the Valley of Jehoshaphat.
8. The Victory Ascent Up the Mount of Olives

STAGE SIX: THE SECOND COMING OF MESSIAH: THE LOCATION

Isaiah 34:1-7

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. And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree. For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment. The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea. And the unicorns shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness (KJV).



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Isaiah starts this passage with a call to all the nations. He says that God is very indignant toward the nations and specifically their armies. He is destined them to a slaughter by the sword. He says that the earth and the heavens shake. When the sword of God strikes all the armies of the nations it will be in the land of Edom. The text goes on to say that the specific location within Edom is the city of Bozrah. Presently, this is located in Southern Jordan.

The second and more graphic passage from Isaiah, places him on elevated terrain in Israel looking eastward toward Edom. He then suddenly sees a magnificent bloodstained character approaching him. The character is glorious and splendid in His appearance. Isaiah asks this splendid character a question, the first of several.

Isaiah 63:1a

Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength (KJV)?

Interestingly the figure what is approaching him is coming from the land of Edom and the city of Bozrah. His features are reflecting His glory and His strength is apparent. This character is clothed with gloriousness and strength. This is analogous to the view the apostle John had of the Lord Jesus in His resurrected glory, which we saw in the first chapter of the Revelation. This man is arrayed with the Shekinah glory. He is Messiah.

Revelation 1:10-17

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last (KJV):

The Lord then gives Isaiah an answer to his question.

Isaiah 63:1b

I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save (KJV).

There is only one person in all of creation and Heaven who can “speak in righteousness” and has the power to save. It is our Lord Jesus. He is marching toward Israel from the city of Bozrah.

Isaiah then responds to the Lord with another question.

Isaiah 63:2

Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat (KJV)?

Isaiah sees that the garments of this person are stained with blood. Isaiah then asks how is it that He received these stains.

Isaiah 63:3-6

I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come. And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me. And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth (KJV).

The Lord's bloodstained garments were caused by the battle fought in the land of Edom within the city of Bozrah. He fought against the nations alone. During the course of the battle the blood of the combatants were sprinkled on His clothes staining them red. He had to conduct the fight to redeem the nation Israel. He fought all alone as there were none to help Him.

Clearly the battle is initiated at Bozrah and by the time Christ reaches Israel He has stained His garments with the blood of the enemy.

The third scripture that places His initial return at Bozrah is found in Habakkuk.

Habakkuk 3:3

God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise (KJV).

Teman and mount Paran are both in the region of Bozrah and are located in the same mountain range as Mount Seir. Teman was the eldest son of Eliphaz, the son of Esau (Genesis 36:11; 1 Chronicles 1:36). He was a chief of the Edomites and gave his name to the region the text is telling us that God just came from. This passage clearly speaks of the Second Coming and the location is the same as the event in that area.

All these passages pinpoint the place of the Second Coming as being in the land of Edom and the city of Bozrah. This matches the place where the Remnant of Israel will be located in the last days of the battle. The gathering at Bozrah and the Second Coming are coupled together in the fourth passage of Scripture.

Micah 2:12-13

I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men. The breaker is come up before them: they have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it: and their king shall pass before them, and the LORD on the head of them (KJV).

Therefore, the Remnant of Israel will be gathered at Bozrah where they will be besieged by the forces of the Antichrist. Finally, they will be able to break the siege because Jesus the King is leading them. The breaker, the King and Jehovah are all the same. At the Second Coming the Christ will enter into battle with the forces of the Antichrist, which have gathered at this city.

CHRIST'S SECOND COMING: THE MANNER.

Now we see the final battle between King Jesus and the Antichrist. We saw that when Messiah fights, he will fight alone. The manner of the Second Coming is with the clouds of Heaven.

Matthew 24:30

And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory (KJV).

Acts 1:9-11

And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven (KJV).

The angels didn't speak of the place of His Second Coming just the manner in which He would return. The following passage from the Revelation clearly demonstrates it.

Revelation 19:1-18

And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. And again they said, Alleluia And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy

fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great (KJV).

Revelation 19:1-2 discusses the first of four hallelujahs. This is the host of heaven praising God for the fall of Ecclesiastical Babylon.

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The second hallelujah is found in the succeeding verse, which praises God for the destruction of the city of Babylon, which we have seen, will be the economic and political capital of the world.

Revelation 19:3

And again they said, Alleluia And her smoke rose up for ever and ever (KJV).

The third hallelujah is a worshipful praise to God from those around His throne.

Revelation 19:4-5 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

The fourth hallelujah is praising the Lord for the Marriage of the Lamb. Within the Olivet Discourse are discussed future events for the visible church. They are as follows: The Rapture of the real believers (the visible church)(John 14:2; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:52) .The Judgment seat of Christ (Bema Seat)(1 Corinthians 3).The Marriage of the Lamb (Revelation 19:6-8)

This is the announcement through a hallelujah of the Marriage of the Lamb.

Revelation 19:6-8

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints (KJV).

This is followed by an invitation to the Marriage Feast of the Lamb.

Revelation 19:9

And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God (KJV).

It is with the Marriage Feast that the millennium begins. The invitations are sent out just prior to the Second Coming. They go out to all the redeemed who are not members of the Church. This would be the Old Testament and the Tribulation saints what will soon be resurrected to life everlasting with entirely new bodies. The Church received them at the time of the rapture according to 1 Corinthians 15.

The next component of the first section of Revelation nineteen is a declaration of the spirit of prophecy.

Revelation 19:10

¹⁰ And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy (KJV).

The spirit of prophecy is the testimony of Jesus. He is the source of all prophecy and it all moves forward in time toward a complete fulfillment by Him providing Himself with the glory we need to realize.

The apostle then describes the Second Coming.

Revelation 19:11-16

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood:

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This account of the Second Coming begins by describing Christ as the Judge. It then shows similarities to what we saw in the Isaiah passages and the first chapter of the book as the Risen Glorified Lord began to reveal Himself to the apostle John on the isle of Patmos in the Aegean Sea.

The war He engages in is the result of His judgment as one who is faithful and true. He wears a diadem on His head indicating royalty that is natural, not given. His garments are stained with blood, just as Isaiah 63:1-6 described. This is indeed the Second Coming of Christ the Judge and the Incarnate Word of God returning to judge the nations in His righteousness.

When He returns armies will follow him. The plural here indicates that at least two will return with Him. One army is known as the hosts of the Lord or the angelic army. Matthew describes the Lord stating this.

Matthew 16:27

For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works (KJV).

Another army that will return with Jesus is the army of the Church saints who were raptured prior to the Tribulation. Jude the Lord's brother relates this event.

Jude 1:14

And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard [speeches] which ungodly sinners have spoken against him (KJV).

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