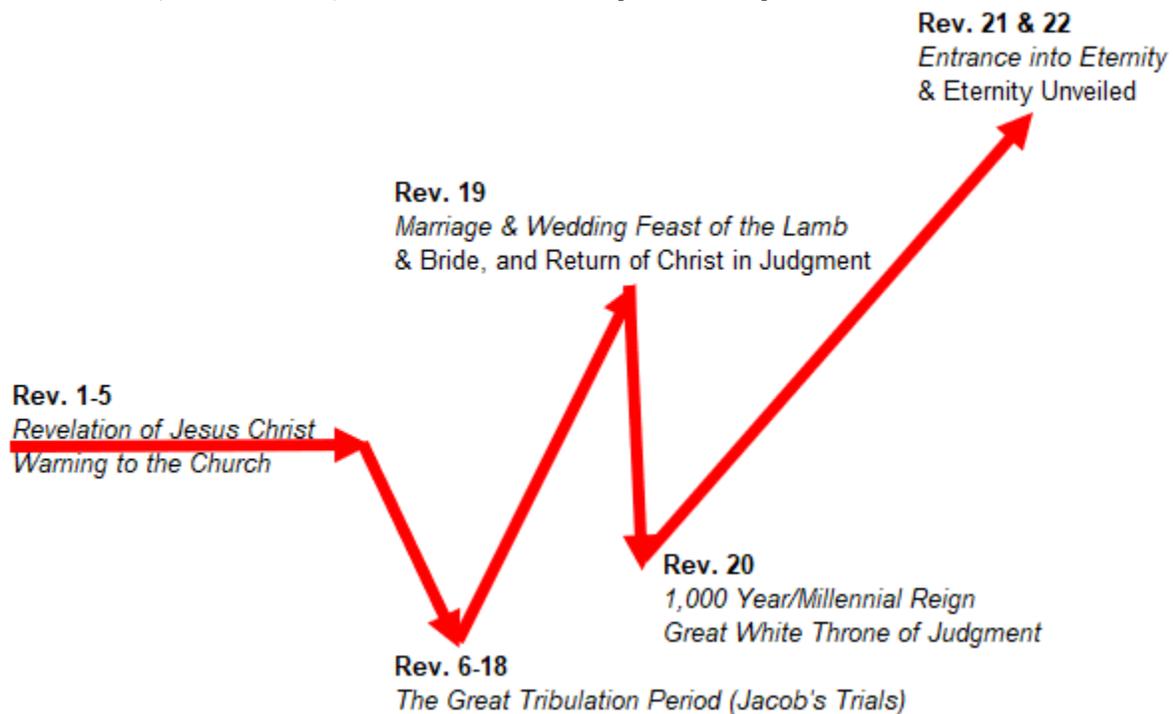


Scripture: Revelation 19:11-16

Outline: Revelation can be broken down into the following topics:

- I.(Rev. 1-5) The revelation of Jesus Christ and the warning to the church (Rapture of the Church)
- II.(Rev. 6-18) The Great Tribulation Period (Jacob's Trials)
- III.(Rev. 19) Marriage & Wedding Feast of the Lamb and Bride, and **Return of Christ in Judgment**
- IV.(Rev. 20) Millennial Reign & Great White Throne of Judgment
- V. (Rev. 21 & 22) Entrance into Eternity & Eternity Unveiled



The Battle of Armageddon

What is Armageddon? Armageddon is only mentioned one time in the Bible (Rev. 16:16), but is referred to several times. Armageddon comes from two Hebrew words – “Har” which means mountain and “Mageddon” which is the name of the mountain (when put together you get “Mount Megiddo.”) The Battle of Armageddon is the final showdown between good and evil on earth. Jesus will defeat the Kings and Kingdoms of this World along with the Antichrist and his False Prophet. Armageddon will serve as a sign of Jesus 2nd Return. In his 1st Coming, Jesus was a suffering servant who sympathized with our weaknesses. In his 2nd Coming, He will be a powerful Warrior and King who will defend His people and forever destroy evil.

Jesus will not return alone (Rev. 19:11). When Christ comes back, he will return with his saints, riding white horses and conquering alongside our King. We will not need to fight. We will stand with our King and witness His power.

Where will it take place? The Battle of Armageddon will take place somewhere on Earth (Matt. 24:30). Many believe in the Valley of Jehoshaphat (Joel 3:2). Jesus will return to the Mount of Olives where he ascended, but the battle will take place in Valley of Jehoshaphat. The angels prophesied His return in Acts 1:11 & 12 when he ascended into Heaven. The Prophet Zechariah mentions this location as well (14:1-11).

The Mount of Olives lies just to the east of Jerusalem. Its location and historical significance have led to skirmishes between Israelis and Palestinians over the years. The site was controlled by Arab-ruled Jordan for 19 years prior to the 6-Day War in 1967. In 1967, the Mount of Olives returned to Israeli control, setting the stage for Christ's return and the final Battle of Armageddon.

When will it take place? The Battle will take place after the Tribulation Period is complete. It is mentioned in Rev. 17:13 & 14. Jesus will return to earth as a mighty King with the armies of heaven to destroy all those who have rejected Him as Savior. The forces of evil will rally the nations against Him. There will be no bystanders – the entire earth will be involved.

What is the purpose of Armageddon?

- 1.) Concludes Jesus' judgment on Israel. The Tribulation period represents a time of divine indignation against the people of Israel, the people who rejected their Messiah, the people who repeatedly failed to heed the corrective and punitive judgment of God. It is no accident that this future is often referred to as "the time of Jacob's trouble" in Jeremiah 30:7.
- 2.) Marks the final judgment upon the countries that have persecuted Israel.
- 3.) Constitutes a formal judgment on all the nations that have rejected Him (Rev. 19:15).

Dr. David Jeremiah said,

"God's activity and warnings are often missed by people pursuing ungodly goals. Because God "is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish," the nations do not believe He will judge them one day (2 Peter 3:9). But be assured, He is storing up wrath against a day to come when each person's deeds will be judged accordingly (Romans 2:5-6). The Bible is clear—one of these days God will have had enough, and His judgment will pour down like consuming fire against wickedness in earth's final battle."