

The Battle of Armageddon
Revelation 14:14-20, 16:12-16, 19:11-21
Lesson #16

Theme

1. The end of the age has come.
 - A. The rebellious world powers are gathered for this final battle (Rev. 17 & 18).
 - B. Jesus Christ the risen King – return to defeat evil and vindicate His people.
2. Armageddon – not a contest of evil power.
 - A. A final public demonstration that the Lamb is Lord.

Introduction

1. There has never been a question will Christ win.
 - A. The challenge is to the faithful.
 - 1) Trust God
 - 2) Remain faithful
 - 3) Continue to watch for His appearing.
2. Revelation 14 – the harvest will happen.
 - A. Revelation 16 – the deception behind the gathering.
 - B. Revelation 19 – the victorious return of the King.

God's judgment will be revealed in the final harvest – Revelation 14:14-20.

The Son of man appears. Vs. 14

1. Daniel 7:13-14 – prophecy given.
 - A. Jesus doesn't come back as a helpless victim.
2. Golden crown – ultimate authority.
 - A. Cloud – divine glory.
 - B. Sickle – the end has come.

The harvest is ripe (earth). Vs. 15-18

1. Something I found interesting.
 - A. Son of man sitting on this cloud.
 - B. Angels cried out to the Son of Man
 - 1) Thrust the sickle (vs. 15).
 - 2) Gather the cluster of the vine (vs. 18).
2. It is God that determines when the harvest is ripe.
 - A. God's judgment is neither early nor late.

God's judgment will be proportionate to the severity of the sin. Vs. 19-20

The Nations have been deceived by the Great Harlot (Babylon) – Rev. 16:12-16

The way is prepared for evil's final destruction. Vs. 12

The kings have been gathered for their ultimate downfall. Vs. 13-14

Christ's appeal to the faithful. Vs. 15

1. This final conflict will be unexpectedly quick.
2. Christ appeal to the faithful.
 - A. Remain watchful.
 - B. Keep his garments.
 - 1) Remained cloth in righteousness.

C. We can live without shame before Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:18

18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

The appointed place of confrontation is Armageddon. Vs. 16

Christ the victorious King – Rev. 19:11-21.

Rider of the white horse – Jesus Christ. Vs. 11-14

His weapon of choice – God's Word. Vs. 15

Hebrews 4:12

12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The church reaps the benefits of victory. Vs. 14

Evil will be no more. Vs. 19-20

Four points of application

- 1. Repent while mercy is offered.*
- 2. Remain awake.*
- 3. Resist deception.*
- 4. Victory has been won through the cross.*