

# REVELATION—UNVEILING THE END, ACT III: THE FINAL CURTAIN

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REVELATION 16:12–16



## The Heart of the Matter

In order to gain a better understanding of the word *Armageddon*—its place in John's Apocalypse and in the events that will lead to evil's last, desperate attempt to prevent the Lord from taking His rightful place on the throne of the world—we will revisit the last few verses of Revelation 16. A closer look at this section of Scripture is important because the popular media and certain unscrupulous religious figures sometimes twist John's revelation to suit their own purposes.



## Discovering the Way

### 1. What Is Armageddon?

At the end of a period of intense judgments, the military forces of the entire world gather for war at a place called *Armageddon*. In this epic clash, the armies of the world will be utterly destroyed by Christ at the time of His return to establish His kingdom.

### 2. Scriptures Pointing to This Future Battle (Psalm 2:1–3; Isaiah 13; Matthew 24:27–31)

This cataclysmic end of the world and the evil that corrupted it was ordained long ago, predicted many times in Scripture, and with the pouring of the seventh bowl will be accomplished.

### 3. Observing the Battle (Revelation 16:12–16)

John's description of the battle of Armageddon depicts how world events will prepare the enemies of God for destruction. His portrayal involves five elements: an angel, a river, a coalition of kings, an unholy trinity, and a great war.



## Starting Your Journey

As we square our vision of Armageddon with John's, a few popular notions fall away as some more profound truths come into focus. Take note of these four intriguing observations:

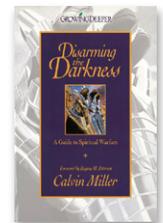
1. The absence of America is surprising.
2. The presence of demonic activity is frightening.
3. The resurgence of interest in the Bible is encouraging.
4. The influence of Christ is compelling.



## Tools for Digging Deeper



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