**The Book of Revelation 16: 12-21**

Armageddon has become a somewhat overused symbol for fierce conflict, or even to describe football games and wrestling matches. What do you know about the Battle of Armageddon? What questions do you have?

**Basic Facts**

* John saw three unclean spirits come out of the mouth of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Demons were working \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* When the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, a great voice said “it is done”.
* An \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ occurred, as has not been since men were on the earth.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rained down out of heaven on man.
* The plague of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was called “exceedingly great”.

**Key Phrases**

* *Euphrates*: Called “the great river” five times in Scripture, it flows some \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from its source on the slopes of Mt. Ararat to the Persian Gulf.
* *The kings from the east*: God providentially draws these kings and their armies in order to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them in the Battle of Armageddon.
* *Like frogs:* This figure further emphasizes their vileness. Frogs were unclean animals according to Old Testament dietary laws.
* *The dragon.. the beast.. and the false prophet*: The “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” composed of Satan (the dragon), the Antichrist (the beast), and Antichrist’s associate (the false prophet), spew out this plague.
* *Watches and keeps his garments*: Our Lord stresses the need for constant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for His return.
* *Armageddon*: Napoleon called this valley the greatest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he had ever seen.
* *Seventh.. bowl.. “It is done!”:* “It is done!” means, “It has been and will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ done”.
* *The great city*: Jerusalem will be split into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ parts, not as a judgement, but as an improvement.
* *Babylon:* The capital of the Antichrist’s empire will receive a special outpouring of God’s wrath as prophesied in Isaiah 13:6-13. Chapters 17 and 18 give details of its destruction.
* *Every island fled.. mountains.. not found:* This powerful earthquake will radically alter all the earth’s topography, preparing it for the coming \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *A talent:* The heaviest weight a normal man could carry (about 75 lbs.).

**Discussion Questions**

1. What do you learn about God’s great “winepress” of wrath, the great battle?
2. The bowl of judgements forms the content of Chapter 16. What is the nature of each of these catastrophes? What was the response of the inhabitants of earth following them?
3. How is the parting of the Euphrates an act of God a picture of the same type of thing Satan does, as the father of lies, as he seeks to “devour” mankind?
4. How does the picture of demon possession in Revelation 16:14 differ from what we typically think of when we think of someone being possessed? What does that teach us about spiritual warfare?
5. How do the last moments of earth as we know it compare to the last moments of Christ’s time on earth? Why does this matter?
6. How does science not only agree with, but affirm the prophecy found in Revelation 16:19?
7. How might Revelation 16:21 be interpreted as speaking to the timing of the Rapture? What is the danger in being dogmatic about such interpretation?
8. Are you ready for His return?