



Megiddo: The Return of Jesus Rev. 16:13-16 Aug. 24, 2025

Rev. 16:13-16

¹³ And I saw *coming* out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs; ¹⁴ for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty. ¹⁵ ("Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and men will not see his shame.") ¹⁶ And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon.

Video: Megiddo

- A. **PICTURE OF VALLEY OF JEZREEL:** Welcome to Megiddo and the valley of Jezreel – the greatest battlefield on the planet.

A battlefield that is 30 miles long, up to 20 miles wide, and 140-square miles; It's huge.

- B. The first recorded battle in history took place here. And the final battle in history will take place here.

Jesus with the mighty sword of His mouth will show up and wipe out Antichrist, the false prophet, and all the armies of the earth.

So bloody will be the battle of Armageddon that the blood will flow up to the horses' bridle (some 4-4.5 feet) for some 200 miles.

And according to Ezek. 39, it will take 7 months to bury all the dead and to cleanse the land.

- C. And when Jesus returns for the Battle of Armageddon, he's not returning to Heaven. He's sticking around and setting up His Kingdom here on earth – and His capital will be Jerusalem.
- D. God's Word is full of promises.
And of all God's promises, He has promised the coming of His Kingdom.

In fact, how did Jesus teach us to pray?

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Your Name.
Your Kingdom COME....

What you may not realize is as we look to the coming of Christ, He has promised 2 Kingdoms.

- (1) An Earthly Kingdom
- (2) An Eternal Kingdom

The Earthly Kingdom is temporary; called the Millennial reign of Jesus. I bet you can guess the length of His Earthly Kingdom – 1,000 years!

Following Jesus' earthly Kingdom, there's His Eternal Kingdom. Can you guess how long it is?
It's forever.

- E. Many people think once Jesus returns to this Earth, He establishes His Kingdom, and it will be His forever Kingdom, but that is not the case.

Rev. 20:4

And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years
(and that is on this present earth – same sphere; same hemispheres.)

And now listen what takes place after those 1,000 years:

Rev. 21:1

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.

- F. So, when Jesus returns to this earth, He is coming to set up His 1,000 year reign; and He starts it by destroying Antichrist and the False Prophet. In fact, throws them into the Lake of Fire where they will be tormented forever and ever.

But guess who is not destroyed? SATAN

Satan is bound for those 1,000 years and thrown into the abyss or the Pit (Rev. 20:2-3); and then, during Jesus' 1,000 year reign on earth, Satan will be released for a short time.

- G. But there is another significant event that will take place at the coming of Jesus.

Famous quote found in the Bible:

There will be 2 men in the field, one will be taken and one will be left behind.

Mt. 24:40-41

⁴⁰ Then there will be two men in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women *will be* grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left.

What event is Jesus talking about?

H. Sounds like the Rapture.

But when does the rapture take place? BEFORE THE TRIBULATION.

And the tribulation takes place before the 1,000 reign of Jesus on earth.

It's true, at the rapture Christians WILL be taken and the unsaved WILL be left behind; and they will go through hell on earth; they will experience the tribulation.

I. But what if I told you, Mt. 24:40-41 has nothing to do with the rapture.

I'll even go a step further:

Mt. 24 has nothing to say about RAPTURE.

I'll go one more step: RAPTURE IS ONLY FOUND IN ONE PLACE IN THE GOSPELS – JOHN 14 (cf. 1 Thes. 4:17)

John 14:1-3

Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.² In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. ³ If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.

J. Mt. 24, therefore, has much to say about the SECOND COMING of Jesus.

(Remember: Rapture is more about US going to Jesus; we meet Him in the air and He takes us to Heaven; there's a toot and we're going to scoot; the angel's going to blow and we're going to go.)

K. The Second Coming is about Jesus coming back to earth, how? Riding a white horse and with the angels and the saints of God to war and utterly defeat Antichrist, the False Prophet, and all the nations and people who have rejected Jesus.

And following that victory, there is going to be a judgment. And that is what "two men in the field and one will be taken" is all about.

F. Mt. 24:36-41

³⁶ "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. ³⁷ For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be. ⁴⁰ Then there will be two men in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left.

Taken = to judgment – their spirits will go to Hades where they await the Great White Throne Judgment of God.

And when does the GWTJ happen?

At the end of the 1,000 year reign of Jesus (Rev. 20:11)

Left Behind = to stay on earth and be with Jesus during His 1,000 year reign.

G. Now, if you think about, this really raises a bunch of questions.

But for now, I want you to get on this page.

What can we expect during the Millennium; this temporal Kingdom that will last for 1,000 years.

1. The Reign of the Savior

- A. I don't believe the 1,000 years is symbolic or figurative; I believe the 1,000 years is LITERAL.
Jesus is coming to literally and supremely reign on this literal Earth for 1,000 years.

Zech. 14:4 – The place Jesus lands on Earth when He returns is the Mount of Olives.

⁴ In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley,

So guess where will be the capital? JERUSALEM.

And from Jerusalem:

1. Jesus will rule over the entire Earth.
This will be a time on Earth unlike any other time in history.

2. Isaiah 11:6-9

And the wolf will dwell with the lamb,
And the leopard will lie down with the young goat,
And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together;
And a little boy will lead them.

⁷ Also the cow and the bear will graze,
Their young will lie down together,
And the lion will eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra,
And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den.

⁹ They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain,
For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
As the waters cover the sea.

What's going on during the Millennium?

Answer: There's a reversal of nature. God is taking us back (PICTURE of GARDEN OF EDEN) to the Garden of Eden.

Peace will prevail between all God's creatures.

Enmity will not exist (at least for most of those years)

- B. God's people (the Jews) will be drawn from all around the world to Israel – to be home with Jesus.
Jesus will bring about the FULL RESTORATION of Israel.

Isaiah 11:10-11

¹⁰ Then in that day (Millennium)

The nations will resort to the root of Jesse,

Who will stand as a signal for the peoples;

And His resting place will be glorious.

¹¹ Then it will happen on that day that the Lord
Will again recover the second time with His hand
The remnant of His people, who will remain,
From Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar,
Hamath, And from the islands of the sea.

God will even make it easy for them to get home, by
drying up the Red Sea and the Euphrates River,
turning it into a highway for God's people to get home.

- C. But you need to know this: During Jesus' reign on earth
there will be rejection and rebellion of Jesus.
Blows my mind to think about this.
But over the 1,000 years there will be a growing number of
people who will not follow Jesus's rule;
And the Bible even says that Jesus will save the afflicted,
the poor and the needy.

Ps. 72:12-14

¹² For he will deliver the needy when he cries for
help, The afflicted also, and him who has no

helper. ¹³ He will have compassion on the poor and
needy, And the lives of the needy he will save.

¹⁴ He will rescue their life from oppression and violence,
And their blood will be precious in his sight;

- D. Sin, suffering, birth, and death will all be in the Millennium.

And believe it or not, more and more people will reject
Jesus' rule and at the end the 1,000 years, Satan will be
released from the Pit and will deceive the people and lead
them to war against Jesus. In fact, the Bible says that the
number of those who war will be like the sand of the
seashore.

Rev. 20:7-9

⁷ When the thousand years are completed, Satan will
be released from his prison, ⁸ and will come out to deceive
the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog
and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the
number of them is like the sand of the seashore. ⁹ And
they came up on the broad plain of the earth and
surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city,
and fire came down from heaven and devoured them.

- E. But fear not, Jesus will have His day and have ultimate victory.

But let me share with you what else takes place during the 1,000 year reign of Jesus.

2. The Rule of the Saints

Rev. 20:4

⁴Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and **reigned with Christ for a thousand years.**

A. The Promise to Rule

Mt. 19:28

And Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious **throne**, you also shall sit upon twelve **thrones**, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Rev. 3:21

He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My **throne**, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His **throne**.

This does not negate Jesus' sovereignty.
He is King. In fact, King of kings and Lord of lords.
But His saints will rule alongside Him and carry out His will.

B. A Perfect Rule

Jesus will delegate authority to manage every aspect of His Kingdom – from the education system to the social system to the legislative system to the judicial system...

Perfectly fulfilling God's will.

What's awesome – Every person who leads in His Kingdom will be saved. They will manage/operate with truth & righteousness.

No more wicked judges. No more lawfare.
No more corrupt politicians.
No more deep state.
No more fake news
No more sex trade.
No more filthy books, magazines, websites, or movies
(Kendrick Brothers [Facing the Giants] will be in charge of producing movies)

The saints will be in charge of EVERYTHING!

And it will be PERFECT!

- C. I believe Jesus will give rulership and responsibility for how you lived for Him before His coming.

In fact, we focus much on the GOING to Heaven.
We ought to focus much on how we will SERVE in Heaven.

And that's based on how well we served here!

- D. Billy Graham – he may be sitting on the Supreme Court.
What about you?

Where will God use you during the Millennium Reign of Jesus?

Don't shoot for cleaning the streets.

Shoot for being used big time for God in His Kingdom.

The reign of the Savior

The rule of the saints

A final thought about the Millennium:

3. The Resurrection of Souls

Rev. 20:4

⁴ And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life.

A. The Promise of a Bodily Resurrection

1. Jesus Proclaimed the Resurrection

Jn. 11:23-24 (concerning Lazarus who had died)

²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

Luke 14:13-14

¹³ But when you give a reception,
invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,
¹⁴ and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

2. Paul Preached the Resurrection

1 Cor. 11:42-44

⁴² So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body; ⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; ⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

God is going to give you a new body.
Ex. Jesus' resurrected body.

B. The Promise of 2 Resurrections (Rev. 20:4-6)

Rev. 20:4-6

⁴ Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

⁵ The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

After 1000 years, all the souls of those who rejected Jesus will be bodily resurrected.

What's going to happen to them?

Rev. 20:11

Stand before God (Book of Life will be opened)
Be judged by God (Great White Throne Judgment)
Found Guilty by God
Thrown into the Lake of Fire by God

C. That is the Second Death (the second time they die)

The Bible teaches:

2 Resurrections:

One for the Saved – those who received Jesus.

One for the Unserved – those who rejected Jesus.

2 Deaths:

Physical Death

Eternal Death

Conclusion:

If you are born twice you will die once.

If you are born once you will die twice.

Tony Evans – gives us a great analogy about how we must live in light of Jesus' return.

"In movies, they show you previews of coming attractions. These previews are the hot clips of the upcoming show. They're always the fight scene, love scene or chase scene. ... And they stitch them all together to excite you about watching the whole show," he continued.

"Now, it may be a terrible movie, but you'd never know it from the clips, because the clips are always the most exciting parts

of the movie. My brothers and sisters, one day, there's a big show coming to town. God is the producer, the Holy Spirit is the director, Jesus is the superstar, and it will be a worldwide production. It's called the Kingdom of God," he said.

"But in the meantime, he has left you and me here as previews of coming attractions. See, we're supposed to be the hot clips of the upcoming show. People are supposed to see the clips of our presence and impact and the culture and say that clip is hot and raise the question, where can I buy a ticket to the whole show?" he added.