

1. Last week I continued our exegesis of Dan 11:40-45. As part of that study we have seen the when, where, how and participants of the Armageddon Campaign.
2. When time expired last Sunday I was reviewing how God has intervened and will in the future intervene militarily to protect Israel as a priest nation.
3. Before we do however I want to review some of that learned and then we will continue our study of the world's last and greatest military campaign.
4. First let's look at an expanded translation of Dan 11:40-45.

Dan 11:40 "Sometime near the middle of the Tribulation a Pan-Arabic block led by Egypt will break the peace established in the Middle East. These Axis powers will by their military might attempt to take over Israel; with mechanized infantry, they will start to move their forces overland through Gaza and into Israel. This political and military indiscretion will precipitate a response from the Soviet Union. The Union forces will storm out against the Pan-Arabic coalition with infantry, armour, air and sea power. From the Bosphorus will come a naval force and from the area west of the Caspian Sea will come a large contingent of armour and infantry with tactical fighter support. Russia will sweep through Turkey, Syria and Iran like a flood.

Dan 11:41 He will also invade Israel on his way south in blitzkrieg fashion leaving pockets of resistance in his path. Many countries will fall, but those countries east of Israel like Jordan and the Persian Gulf nations will be delivered because the Russian forces seem intent on staying as close to the Mediterranean as possible thus permitting maximum support from their naval armada sweeping down out of the Black Sea.

Dan 11:42 The forces of Russia will very quickly drive the Arab forces southward into Egypt.

Dan 11:43 He will gain control of Egypt and her north African allies, not just defeating them but taking all of their wealth as earned plunder. The Pan-Arabic block will be not just defeated but they are annihilated and militarily embarrassed.

Dan 11:44 Soon however while the King of the north is mopping up in the south an alarming report is given to the commander of the Russian forces; there, he is told, a large armada of orientals moving across the Euphrates and a naval force with marine expeditionaries are coming from Rome. This demands quick action on his part, so he orders his entire army northward back into Israel. His naval forces attempt to turn northward and return to the safe confines of the Black Sea; before the Russian naval expedition can return to base, the Antichrist's navy engages and defeats them in the Mediterranean.

Dan 11:45 The Russian ground forces however are successful in moving northward with a vengeance; they attack and defeat the remaining Israeli forces, ravaging and plundering as he goes.

After securing all the surrounding country-side the King of the North establishes his command post just west of Jerusalem where he awaits further battle, he hopes to engage both the Antichrist's forces and the Oriental forces near Meggido just north, northeast of Jerusalem. While waiting the King of The North attacks Jerusalem forcing a remnant up against mount Moriah where in and around the Temple they make what appears to be their last stand. Before he can defeat the remnant the Lord Jesus returns with an angelic army at His Second Coming and the Russian forces are totally annihilated.

5. The King of the North has established his command center between Jerusalem and the Mediterranean Sea.

6. The rag tag army of Israel has been driven back against the Temple wall, the situation is hopeless.

7. Then the Lord will return from heaven and deliver Israel from their enemies.

Zec 14:3 Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights in the day of battle.

8. The statement "then the Lord shall fight," refers to the many times the Lord has fought on behalf of Israel.

8.1 For example there was that which was done at the Red Sea.

8.1.1 The Jews of the Exodus generation were hopelessly trapped by the Red Sea.

8.1.2 The Israelites panicked. Then Moses shouted, "Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation [deliverance] of the Lord ... the Lord will fight for you while you keep silent." (Exo 14:10-14)

Exo 14:10 As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD.

Exo 14:11 They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt?"

Exo 14:12 Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

Exo 14:13 Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again.

Exo 14:14 The LORD will fight for you; you need only be still."

8.1.3 As they quieted down, they beheld the miracle of the sea opening up before them to let them pass through dry-shod, and then they watched the waters return and drown the Egyptians.

8.1.4 Grace was the principle of deliverance then as it will be in the future. Grace depends entirely on who and what the Lord is.

8.1.5 As divine intervention won the day for the Jews in the past, so grace wins the day in that future siege.

8.1.6 And 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 that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.

Zec 14:4 On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south.

8.1.7 When the Lord Jesus Christ returns to the earth in glory, the first place His feet touch is a famous hill just east of the city.

9. The Mount of Olives has always been an obstacle for people fleeing from Jerusalem, as in the case of David (2Sa 15:30). The personal presence of the Lord on the Mount of Olives converts this obstacle into an avenue of refuge.

2Sa 15:30 And David went up by the ascent of mount Olivet, and wept as he went up, and had his head covered, and he went barefoot: and all the people that was with him covered every man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up.

10. The Lord splits the mount and through the valley will move the believing remnant of Israel to safety while He destroys their enemies. Just as the children of Israel passed through the Red Sea to safety, so the future, tribulational generation will pass through the valley made by the Savior.

11. The resisting remnant who are alive when Christ returns will live on in improved physical bodies throughout the Millennium. They as well as other surviving believers will form the nucleus for the repopulation of the earth during the millennial kingdom.

12. They will reside permanently in Jerusalem in perfect environment and blessing.

Zec 2:4 And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein:

Zec 2:5 For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.

1. The Second Advent of Jesus Christ our Lord, David's Greater Son, the "stone cut out without hands" (Dan 2:34), "the Ancient of Days" (Dan 7:22) turns the tide of the campaign.

Dan 2:34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

Dan 7:22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

2. He delivers the Jewish remnant from annihilation by slaughtering all the enemy forces. Thus ends a conflict unparalleled in all the bloody wars of history.

3. Now this will be the plague with which the Lord will strike all the peoples who have gone to war against Jerusalem; their flesh will rot while they stand on their feet, and their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongue will rot in their mouth. (Zec 14:12)

Zec 14:12 This is the plague with which the LORD will strike all the nations that fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths.

4. Hal Lindsey has written, "The description of destruction given by Zechariah 2,500 years ago is strikingly similar to the effects of a nuclear war."

5. And I saw heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and He who sat upon it is called Faithful and True; and in righteousness He judges and wages war. (Rev 19:11-15)

Rev 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

Rev 19:12 His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.

Rev 19:13 He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

Rev 19:14 The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.

Rev 19:15 Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.

6. The "white horse" is the symbol of conquest and judgment. "Faithful and True" is Jesus Christ who is the Conqueror and Judge. He is faithful to deliver His own, especially the believing Jews who are trapped in Jerusalem.

7. He is true to His Word. At His return He accomplishes two things: defeat of the Gentile armies and judgment of unbelievers.

8. The recipients of His wrath are those who had every possible opportunity to be saved, but have persisted in their rejection of the only Savior. (Acts 4:12)

Act 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

9. Even though horrific violence and death are involved, His judgments are just and righteous. (Psa 19:9)

Psa 19:9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

10. The "robe dipped in blood" indicates that Christ alone will fight and kill the enemies of Israel. "The armies which are in heaven" include the angelic army, Old Testament and Kingdom Age saints, martyred tribulational saints, and believers of the Church Age.

11. This will be the only army in history where the Commander in Chief, Jesus Christ, does all the fighting while the troops stand by and watch.

12. The "sharp sword" of Rev 19:15 is the greatest weapon of all time. The Lord slays the armies at Armageddon with the words of His mouth.

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13. The "wine press" is the massive slaughter which terminates the Armageddon Campaign. Notice that Christ Himself demonstrates how to win a war: He does not come back to sit around a peace table and negotiate a settlement; Jesus Christ returns to annihilate the enemy.

14. There will be no more warfare for a thousand years because the Lord's enemies are dead and Satan is imprisoned. It is no wonder our Savior bears the rank and title of "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

15. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in mid-heaven, "Come, assemble for the great supper of God. (Rev 19:17)

Rev 19:17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God,

16. In order that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great." (Rev 19:18)

Rev 19:18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, small and great."

17. Rev 19:19 provides further description of the generals and mighty men. And I saw the beast [dictator of Revived Roman Empire] and the kings of the earth and their armies, assembled to make war against Him who sat upon the horse, and against His army. Rev 19:19 Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army.

18. The armies are spread throughout the Land, from Megiddo to Edom (Isa 63:1-6), and their destruction is complete, from the lowest buck private to the leaders and instigators.

Isa 63:1 Who is this coming from Edom, from Bozrah, with his garments stained crimson? Who is this, robed in splendor, striding forward in the greatness of his strength? "It is I, speaking in righteousness, mighty to save."

Isa 63:2 Why are your garments red, like those of one treading the winepress?

Isa 63:3 "I have trodden the winepress alone; from the nations no one was with me. I trampled them in my anger and trod them down in my wrath; their blood spattered my garments, and I stained all my clothing.

Isa 63:4 For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and the year of my redemption has come.

Isa 63:5 I looked, but there was no one to help, I was appalled that no one gave support; so my own arm worked salvation for me, and my own wrath sustained me.

Isa 63:6 I trampled the nations in my anger; in my wrath I made them drunk and poured their blood on the ground."

19. And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. (Rev 19:20)

Rev 19:20 But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.

20. And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat upon the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh. (Rev 19:21)

Re 19:21 The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

21. So great will be the slaughter in that day that the Land will be literally saturated with blood. As high as a horse's bridle, the blood will flow for 200 miles (Rev 14:19-20), and it will take seven months to bury the dead. (Eze 39:12)

Rev 14:19 The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God's wrath.

Rev 14:20 They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses' bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia.

Eze 39:12 "For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them in order to cleanse the land.

22. The Lord will cast the Antichrist and the False Prophet into the Lake of Fire and Satan will be bound for 1000 years and peace is restored during what is often called the Age of Christ.

23. Let me read to you how John Walvoord closes his analysis of chapter eleven in his book *Daniel The Key To Prophetic Revelation*. These words will provide a conclusion to our study of chapter eleven.

"Against both of the King of the North, south and East, the forces of the Antichrist launches counter attacks which result in many perishing; he succeeds in establishing his tent-palace "between the seas in the glorious holy mountain," best understood as being a reference to Jerusalem situated between the Mediterranean Sea and the Dead Sea. Actually, many believe the struggle goes on without cessation right up to the day of the second advent of Christ based on Zec 14:1-4. Daniel does not dwell upon the details in the climax of this struggle.

Zec 14:1 A day of the LORD is coming when your plunder will be divided among you.

Zec 14:2 I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it; the city will be captured, the houses ransacked, and the women raped. Half of the city will go into exile, but the rest of the people will not be taken from the city.

Zec 14:3 Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights in the day of battle.

Zec 14:4 On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south.

24. The armies which had assembled to contend against each other but had united in opposition to Christ in His second advent are destroyed.

24.1 That the time of the second advent is in view is brought out clearly in the next chapter where the time of the end is made definite to include the great tribulation and the resurrection of the dead described in Rev 20:4-6.

Rev 20:4 I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Rev 20:5 (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection.

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

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