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Iran, Israel and Armageddon

By Steve Wohlberg

Armageddon! This frightening apocalyptic word refers to earth's last battle. But who are the primary contestants? Will it be Iran against Israel? Millions think so. As the Middle East simmers toward a boiling point, and as the Israelis have recently indicated that they may strike their northern foe first, countless prophecy teachers not only believe that Iran and Israel are the major players, but also that a long-awaited Middle East Armageddon at hand.

Personally, I believe Armageddon is indeed pending, yet I'm also convinced that massive Armageddon illusions are rampant.

Let me explain.

The word "Armageddon" appears only once in the Bible, in Revelation 16:16. If you open God's Book and read this passage for yourself, along with the verses immediately before and after it, you will be amazed at what you'll find and not find.

Take a close look, and see for yourself:

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found (Revelation 16:13-20).
First, the specific words "Jew," "Israel," and "Iran" are surprisingly absent from this entire passage, which is most striking, especially since the common belief is that Armageddon is a bloody military battle against Israelis.

Second, at least some of the above words are plainly symbolic, such as verse 13's mention of "the dragon" and "the beast," both of which are depicted as having "seven heads and ten horns" (see Revelation 12:3; 13:1). Will a literal, fire-breathing dragon trot across the globe before Jesus returns? How about a scaly beast? Obviously not. These are inspired symbols that must be interpreted correctly.

On the side of the enemy, Revelation pinpoints the combined forces of the "dragon," "beast," "false prophet" (verse 13), "spirits of devils" (verse 14), and "great Babylon" (verse 19), not Iran, Russia, or China. They are the real bad guys crushed at Armageddon.

On Heaven's side are "God Almighty" (verse 14), Jesus Christ (verse 15), and individual believers who "watch and keep [their] garments" (verse 15). These "garments" represent the spotless robe of Christ's righteousness (see Revelation 3:18 and 7:9-14) which He places upon individuals (Jew and Gentile) who repent of every sin and trust His grace. According to Revelation 16:15, they alone survive Armageddon.

Those gathered to Armageddon are "the kings of the earth and of the whole world" (verse 14), not merely Iranians or Middle East dwellers. When Armageddon hits, God's voice thunders from "the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, 'It is done!'" (verse 17). Thus Revelation 16's focus is the Heavenly temple, where Jesus Christ now ministers (see Hebrews 8:1, 2), not a rebuilt Jewish temple on earth.

How about the effect of Armageddon? A massive earthquake rocks the globe (verse 18), "the cities of the nations" crumble (verse 19), "and every island fled away, and the mountains were not found" (verse 20). Thus Armageddon is global, not local. The entire earth is decimated.

According to Revelation, Armageddon is vastly bigger than a military conflict just east of Tel Aviv. Its scope is global, its enemies are massive, and its deliverance is worldwide. Ultimately, it's Lucifer's entire Babylonian empire (representing all false religions and deceptive doctrines) that is smashed to pieces when King Jesus descends from the eastern skies with His heavenly army (see Matthew 24:27; Revelation 19:11-16, 19).

The most important question is, Will we be ready for that Awesome Day? In the verse right before the only time "Armageddon" is mentioned in Scripture, Jesus Christ has told us
exactly how to get ready. His specific counsel is,

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There it is. Jesus Christ's get-ready-for-Armageddon appeal is for all Christians (true believers in Him), to "watch" and "keep" the garments of His righteousness (see also Revelation 3:18) by forsaking all sin, trusting Him fully, following Bible truth, and by daily walking in obedience by His grace. Again, these alone will be prepared for Armageddon.

In conclusion, will Israel attack Iran, or Iran attack Israel? Honestly, I don't know. Maybe. But whatever happens, I do know that Armageddon is worldwide (not Middle East centered), that the primary bad guys are Lucifer, his devils, and "Babylon the Great," and that Jesus Christ Himself is now appealing to all of us (Jew and Gentile) to personally prepare by repenting of our sins and obeying Him.

According the Revelation 16, these are the real issues.

This is no time to be fooled by Armageddon illusions.

Let's be ready.

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