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Armageddon — Jerry O'Donnell

This is a study to clear the confusion about what Armageddon represents.

Revelation 16:16 states, "And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon." Please take notice that Armageddon is not the name of a battle, but a battle over a place. Further, the use of the word "them" equates to people being involved where there is a type of "gathering" going on.

Now, before we continue on, we must define the first pronoun in the verse. According to the King James Version of the Bible or KJV, it states "He" does the gathering while other versions, like the New International Version or NIV states "they" do the gathering. This is a very significant decision to make as it determines the proper understanding of the place called Armageddon. If we get the pronoun wrong here, the whole narrative is thrown off. That is because if we select "He", then "He" refers to Jesus Christ found in the preceding verse, Revelation 16:15, which says, "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed [is] he that watcheth, and keepeth his

garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame." On the other hand, if "they" is selected as the proper pronoun, that refers to two verses prior to verse 15, as in Revelation 16:13-14, which says, "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."

Already the line has been drawn. Either the KJV is telling us the truth and the NIV should not be trusted for Bible study purposes, or the NIV is telling us the truth and we should discard the KJV. That is how serious this matter is. To think anything less is to be asleep, uneducated, unaware, ignorant, and the synonyms could continue. These are very strong words that we stated, but we have very strong positions drawn in the church over this very matter and almost all are set in their ways. There seems to be no convincing

of those using the NIV to stop, and there seems to be no convincing of KJV only people to be "open minded".

Unfortunately, a simple comparison of scriptures is not going to resolve this issue, therefore, we are going to have to rely completely upon the evidence of other scripture texts. First, the activity of three beings – the dragon, beast, and false prophet – gathering is not referred to anywhere else in the Bible, so we are going to test the theory that the pronoun refers to Jesus, and there are plenty of scriptures that not only point to Jesus as gathering but specifically to be gathered to a mountain.

Now, to confirm that the proper understanding is "He", or Christ, who does the gathering, we need to know where the people are gathered. In other words, just where is this place? Those who are being lied to with the word "they" in verse 16 think it is in the Middle East, specifically the valley at the base of Mount Megiddo. Those who have the truth need to search "in the Hebrew tongue" instead.

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So, we are now left with good old-fashioned, but trustworthy, Bible study – comparing scripture with scripture. In a rare moment, we are going to provide some “outside” resource information which we really hate using since that takes away from the Bible being its own interpreter and instead relies on human interpretation. Therefore, take this lightly, though it will be helpful later.

According to the Bible Lexicon, Armageddon meaning is "the hill or city of Megiddo". However, according to Wikipedia, they say, "The original of this word has been variously formed, and variously translated. It is חַרְמֶגְדוֹן *har-megiddon*, ‘the mount of the assembly’ or חַרְמַת גְּדוּחַן *chormah gedehon*, ‘the destruction of their army;’ or it is חַרְמֶגְדוֹ *har-megiddo*, ‘Mount Megiddo’". Did you catch that? At some point, Armageddon was simply translated to “the mount of the assembly”. It was changed at some point.

The original definition of “the mount of the assembly” is helpful though because it is found in the Bible, returning the trust back to the Bible and the Bible alone. Isaiah 14:12-13 states, “How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! [how] art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north”. Do you see the battle-line drawn? Satan wants the “mount of the assembly” or “congregation” which belongs to

God and he will stop at nothing. But notice the location of this “mount” – it is in the “sides of the north”.

Where else does the Bible refer to the “sides of the North”? Psalms 48:2 states, “Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, [is] mount Zion, [on] the sides of the north, the city of the great King.” God, our great King, resides in the sides of the north, also known as Zion, specifically the heavenly Zion, which is a mount, and is the title given to the “mount of the congregation” which is the definition of Armageddon. In other words, Jesus gathering us in a place called Armageddon is none other than us being taken to Heaven, to the New Jerusalem, to our mansions, even to “the Sea of Glass” (Revelation 15:2) where we shall all assemble, congregate, be gathered. “After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb” (Revelation 7:9-10). Overall, we do not want to resist Armageddon. We want to be taken there by Jesus, just as Revelation 16:15 states in the KJV.

Also, we are making the statement now, in case it was missed, that Armageddon is the name in the Greek, but in the Hebrew, it is Zion.

Notice the connection between Revelation 16 and Isaiah 29:8, where, according to Revelation,

Satan and his agents gather the world to fight against Armageddon. The same is true about Zion, where all nations are involved. That has not been fulfilled yet because never ever were all nations in a battle against the earthly Zion. “It shall even be as when an hungry [man] dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, [he is] faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.” This must be referring to the battle against the heavenly Zion.

Even Isaiah 31:4 brings out the same future attack against Zion: “For thus hath the LORD spoken unto me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, [he] will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them: so shall the LORD of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof.”

And “Zion” is not only a literal name but a spiritual representation, as revealed in Isaiah 51:16: “And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou [art] my people.” Psalms 125:1 also connects “they”, or people, with the name Zion: “A Song of degrees. They that trust in the LORD [shall be] as mount Zion, [which] cannot be removed, [but] abideth for ever.” Psalms 53:6 tells

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us that captive people make up Zion. "Oh that the salvation of Israel [were come] out of Zion! When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, [and] Israel shall be glad." And it is restated in Psalms 14:7: "Oh that the salvation of Israel [were come] out of Zion! when the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, [and] Israel shall be glad."

Look at the wording of Joel 2:15-16 for more connections: "Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet." The Bridegroom is Christ while the Bride is the Church, and a gathering is happening, just like Revelation said about Armageddon.

Isaiah 35:10 tells us also, "And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." To return is to be gathered.

Obadiah 1:17 confirms this: "But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions." Deliverance is a type of gathering.

Isaiah 1:27 continues with the redeeming theme: "Zion shall be

redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness."

Isaiah 56:7 uses the word "bring", which is a synonym for gathering: "Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices [shall be] accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people."

Then there are the prophecies found in several passages of Joel that involve Zion of the future, matching Armageddon characteristics:

Joel 3:9-16: "Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I [am] strong. Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD. Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness [is] great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD [is] near in the valley of decision. The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and

the earth shall shake: but the LORD [will be] the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel."

Joel 2:32: "And it shall come to pass, [that] whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call."

Joel 2:1-4: "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for [it is] nigh at hand; A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, [even] to the years of many generations. A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land [is] as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them. The appearance of them [is] as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run."

Joel 2:23: "Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first [month]."

And Isaiah 59:20 reveals the Redeemer or Jesus and not Satan

or his agents being involved with gathering for Zion: "And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD."

Here are a couple passages that use one of the definitions for Armageddon, which is "holy mountain" or "holy hill": Joel 3:17 says, "So shall ye know that I [am] the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more." Psalms 2:6 tells us, "Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion."

In regards to the "holy hill" or "holy mountain", also known as Armageddon or Zion, here are few more references: Psalms 43:3 tells us, "O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles." Psalms 15:1 reveals, "A Psalm of David. LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?" Isaiah 57:13 shows, "When thou criest, let thy companies deliver

thee; but the wind shall carry them all away; vanity shall take [them]: but he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain." And Isaiah 65:25 states, "The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust [shall be] the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD."

Notice who dwells in Zion and is suggested as being Armageddon: Psalms 135:21 expresses to us, "Blessed be the LORD out of Zion, which dwelleth at Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD." Zechariah 8:3 informs us, "Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain." And Psalms 132:13 confirms by stating, "For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired [it] for his habitation."

And we all know who wins the battle of Armageddon. Not by

coincidence, God also wins the battle for Zion: Psalms 102:16 explains, "When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory." Psalms 149:2 informs us, "Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King." And Isaiah 12:6 tells us, "Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great [is] the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee."

So, at the very least, let us stop referring to Armageddon as World War III or the war to end all wars. It is indeed a battle to see who rules the universe. Satan and his agents do not do the gathering, but do cause people to fight against their Redeemer who is going to come and do the gathering of us to take us to the place called Armageddon, or Zion, or the "mount of the congregation" to meet on the Sea of Glass.

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Be In Health — 3 John 1:2

The Work of Providence versus The Work of Man

Do you know what no one will find in the Book of Genesis? There is no record of an infant being born blind, deaf, crippled, deformed, or even being imbecile. There is no record of a natural death in infancy, childhood, or early manhood either. In fact, there is no account of men and women dying of any disease.

Based on the fact that we know disobedience to God's laws of health as the root cause of illness, we are not misled by those above statements to believe there was no real sin during those first centuries, but we know for sure from a study of Genesis, that was definitely not the case. So, then, to what do we attribute such good health during that lengthy period of history? The answer is that it must be the God-given great vital force that was able to withstand the accumulation of disease brought upon the race in consequence of perverted habits that has continued for six thousand years.

It is almost impossible for us to comprehend such strength, or vital force in these human bodies

when we witness quite the opposite in our world. There is hardly a person on the planet who has not fallen prey to some major illness by the time they have barely reached adulthood, much less reached old age unaffected. As a matter of fact, disease and suffering are so common to us that we tend to just sort of shrug this off and say, "Well, that is just the way it is" and accept these conditions as normal and even expect to experience some of them ourselves at some point.

We realize that God did not create the race in its present feeble condition. This state of things is not the work of Providence, but the "work of man". It seems that the "work of man" may be part of the foundational issue which set in motion the decline of the human race and has led us into some very dark and dangerous, even deadly, situations from the beginning of time. Some of the first "work of man" documented in Genesis was the work of the building of cities which was an act of disobedience in itself. At least at that time they had the benefit of having to do a lot of hard physical labor in that construction which did contribute to their hardiness. The air was

clean with no pollution, the water was still pure for the most part, even the animals they did use for food were far freer of disease than they are today. So, there are several contributing factors which helped to preserve their health in spite of the disobedience, which are still to be considered today. The more of the laws of health we practice the better we can keep sickness at bay, but just like at that time, the vital force today weakens with every sin, and disease is then manifest in the body.

With cities, an artificial style of living, came the convenience of roads, eventually paved with asphalt, sidewalks made of concrete, both artificial substances polluting the air we breathe. Artificial light all along the avenues and in the businesses and homes – a convenience from which night could be turned into day at the flip of a switch, which we have just recently begun to realize is causing serious health issues. We now literally saturate our bodies with it almost every waking hour of our lives, never realizing the damage we are doing to ourselves. Most of us grew up with incandescent light in the home, which was not exactly safe, yet far from being the hazardous choices we now also have which require consulting instructions from a government agency to properly dispose of the material if you break a bulb. This does not even touch the topic of the "dirty electricity" that comes to us along with the function of any light bulb itself which adds injury to the human system. It is

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not my intention to get into the technical side of these conveniences, or do a comparison of light bulb choices, but instead point out some of the physical, and therefore spiritual, effects they may be causing us.

The abuse of nature's light which does contain blue in the full spectrum, is widespread and comes at us by way of TV, phones, the very screen I am working on here at my computer, and all other digital screens. Some of the effects of excessive blue light exposure are damage to the eyes, interruption of the sleep cycle, it can actually change your circadian rhythm telling your brain to wake up when you need to wind down for the night. When this system is


interfered with you can experience problems in the organs, cardiovascular and gastrointestinal systems, even your skin. Excessive blue light exposure may be responsible for the onset of certain cancers. Levels of leptin, which is a chemical that tells your brain you are full after meals, are lowered and can contribute to over-eating. Blue light can cause more susceptibility to diabetes and mental health conditions. Without adequate and regular sleep and rhythm throughout the body you are putting yourself at risk for lowering your immune system.

I have heard and read conflicting reports about using blue light filters, so each person needs to do

your own research and make the decision about using them or not. Whatever you decide, I will say this is definitely the time to practice temperance, limiting your exposure time to screens, taking frequent breaks and especially giving your eyes relief occasionally by applying a cool, or even cold, cloth to refresh them for a few minutes at a time.

If our bodies which are the “work of Providence” are not in good working order, our spiritual lives suffer, our minds become dull, we do not make good decisions, everything in our lives is affected. Physical, mental, and spiritual health are all intertwined; maintaining balance is a necessity as well as our responsibility. 📖

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Be Ye Holy — 1 Peter 1:15

Philippians 1:27 says, “Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.” Please note the words of expectation once the gospel is received. These words are the holy and sanctified life. “Let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel” which infers that there is a change in character (conversation) that lives up to the description of a saved person according to the gospel. That our “affairs”, our activities, our transactions, our conduct are of a gospel expectation of what a Christian is as well. To “stand fast in one spirit” is to be transformed into one Christian character not compromising nor lowering the standard of that character. To be having “one mind striving for the faith of the gospel” surely means more than just saying, “I’m saved!” We are to “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (James 4:7). We are to resist temptations and not be sinning. To have that one mind means that we “abideth in the

doctrine of Christ” (2 John 1:9). That is one doctrine. We ought to think the same thing on each doctrinal point. We are not to each have our own understanding of Christianity. So, are you in proper demeanor of what a Christian is, standing fast equipped with the “whole armour” (Ephesians 6:11-18), thinking the same way to unify in the faith that is found in the true gospel?

Colossians 1:11 is a continuation of verse 10, where to “walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing”, we are “Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness.” The gospel provides power even “divine power hath given unto us all things that [pertain] unto life and godliness” (2 Peter 1:3). There would be no purpose for the power if all we have to do is acknowledge that Jesus forgives us. Power is used to then live a godly, holy, sanctified life. Too bad Christians in the last days would be just “Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof” (2 Timothy 3:5) failing to have a sanctified life. So, have you

received God’s strength, His divine and glorious power, to bring out the fruit of the spirit in godly living with patience, longsuffering, and joyfulness?

1 Thessalonians 1:8 says, “For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.” The ending of this verse is what points to a sanctified and holy life that is to be of a Christian. It is more than confessing with the mouth. It is acting on that confession afterwards else our words are meaningless. “My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth” (1 John 3:18). To confess that Jesus is my Savior and then return to the ways of the world, did Jesus really save us? Or is He just a gift provider? “I give you eternal life so that you can live in this world however you please.” Is that really what Jesus does? So, do your actions sound of Christ beyond your area, or do they speak of Satan still being in control?

2 Thessalonians 2:10 says, “And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.” The lack of love of the truth is what will cause people to be lost. Love is not the acknowledgment of the truth only and we go our own way, but it is also an obedience to it. And truth is specific where each of us is to conform our life to it instead of the popular experience – everyone has his version of truth. And when we submit to the truth, that is the sanctified and holy life. So, how much do you love the truth?

1 Timothy 1:15 says, “This [is] a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.” A saved sinner is a sanctified one, for the Bible tells us, “thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21). It does not say, “thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from the penalty of sin”. Yes, forgiveness is involved, which takes care of the penalty part because we are told “to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins” (Acts 5:31), but notice that it is forgiveness and repentance. Those are two separate things. Forgiveness is the free gift of our record becoming clean so Jesus can “present [you] faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy” (Jude 24), but repentance is the other part, even the sanctified part. To be saved is that “joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that

repenteth” (Luke 15:7). “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out” (Acts 3:19). To repent of our sins is to stop sinning. So, have you repented?

2 Timothy 1:13 says, “Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.” To “hold fast” is to daily hold on to the gospel, which means, one day, it is possible to say, “No, thanks” and leave. But that is a different story. Holding fast are key words regarding a sanctified life, for the way to not hold fast is to choose not to live as a Christian, for we are to “not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth” (1 John 3:18). Interesting, that word “love” was also found in today’s verse, which is the second word that points to a sanctified life being required as stated in 2 Timothy 1:13. To love in “deed” and not just go around saying, “I love you”, is a way of life. In fact, we humans are born selfish and need to become born again to know what Bible-defined love really is. Jesus tells us that “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second [is] like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself”, which is a summary for He continued to say, “On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets” (Matthew 22:40), which we call the Ten Commandments and the Word of God today. So, are you keeping the law and the Word, or are you only reading the word “faith” from

today’s verse thinking justification is sufficient, negating the action necessary in the word “love”?

Titus 1:14 says, “Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.” If the commandments of men are to be rejected, that means that the commandments of God are still in effect, which is the sanctified life. If the commandments were done away with, it would not matter what is taught. In fact, Jesus compared the two by saying, “Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach [them], the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:19). So, are you following commandments of men, as foretold in Daniel 7:25? Have you dismissed the commandments entirely, going against Jesus’ words? Or, are you doing as Jesus said, which is to “do and teach” them?

Hebrews 2:11 says, “For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified [are] all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren.” So, have you been made holy (sanctified) or not? The obvious answer in general is “no” or we would all be one denomination. The fact that we are not “one” means all of us claiming to be Christian really are not sanctified. Sanctification is not a title; it is a changed life from one who used to enjoy the ways of the

world into one who now enjoys the ways of Christ. The way of Christ does not permit sin to exist in our lives. So, have you personally been made holy?

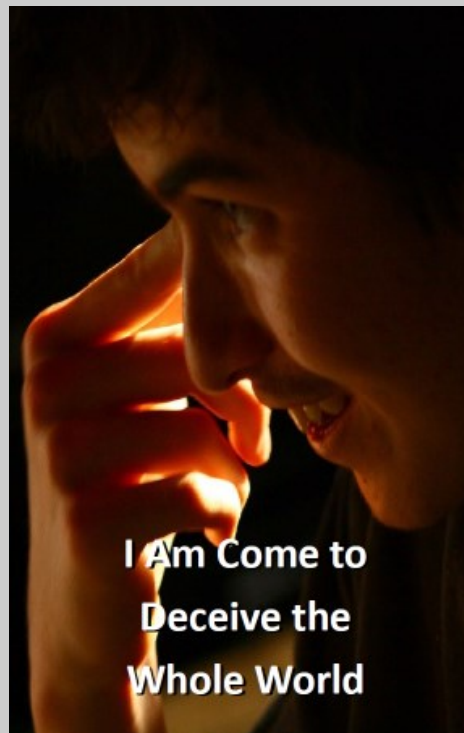
James 1:15 wrote "Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" to warn us against lusting, which covers a number of commandments (adultery, coveting, idol worship), but can affect the rest of the commandments as well. This verse is a general Christian character. Basically, we are not to lust because uncontrolled, it leads to sin of which "the wages of sin [is] death" (Romans 6:23). No matter how one looks at the verse, this is about a sanctified and holy life in which lusting is subdued, overcome, rejected. Those who lust will not go to Heaven. And lusting is any form of "I just have to have it" expression. Those who simply waste money on the twelfth purse, shoes, sports shirt, video game, etc.; as well as just having to have a certain job, watch certain TV programs or movies, etc.; are all guilty. So, is there any thing you just have to have?

1 Peter 1:13 says, "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." But do you know what it says? We will not recognize grace in the physical sense until the second coming. Right now, we go by faith that we have His grace. When Jesus arrives, He will "destroy with the brightness of his

coming" (2 Thessalonians 2:8) or "we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we

ever be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:17). If we are being caught up into the clouds, we know we have His grace. But, we are told to "gird up the loins of

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our minds”. That is sanctified and holy thinking, which becomes our actions, “For as he thinketh in his heart, so [is] he” (Proverbs 23:7). If we allow our thoughts to flow to any subject matter, including anger or lust, our minds are not girded and we will not recognize grace because we will be in the group that is destroyed at the second coming. So, what do you think about throughout the day? – Careless and worldly thoughts like sports and entertainment, even sinful things, or are your thoughts of doing a good job at work, managing the responsibilities of life, and above all, having time with God?

2 Peter 1:8-9 says, “For if these things be in you, and abound, they make [you that ye shall] neither [be] barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.” The end of verse 8 sounds like something that is nice to have but not really required, but when coupled in context with verse 9, we see people lacking these things and being labeled as spiritually blind, of which Jesus condemned to hell (Matthew 15:14, Matthew 23:16-19, Matthew 23:24-26, Luke 6:39, John 9:39, John 9:41). When

a person forgets that he has been “purged from his old sins” it means that he has returned to his old life which is not holy living. The implication here is that the expectation is holy living, for if we are found in our old sins we are lost, for Jesus says to everyone, “go, and sin no more” (John 8:11), and “With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible” (Matthew 19:26), but “Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling” (Jude 1:24). So, are you in your old life of sin, or have you truly been purged of your sins?



Study to Shew Thyself Approved Unto God—(2 Timothy 2:15)

Putting Up a Good Fight

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| <p>1. What are we to fight?
1 Timothy 6:12</p> | <p>5. When Paul fought the good fight, what did he declare that he kept? 2 Timothy 4:7</p> | <p>9. How much effort may it take?
Hebrews 12:4</p> |
| <p>2. What synonymous phrase means to fight a good fight?
1 Timothy 1:18</p> | <p>6. What is laid up for Paul as a result of the good fight?
2 Timothy 4:8</p> | <p>10. What two things shall we exercise to gain the victory?
1 John 5:4-5</p> |
| <p>3. What four areas do we fight against? Ephesians 6:12</p> | <p>7. What are we to war or fight against? 1 Peter 2:11</p> | <p>October 2023 Answers
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| <p>4. What are we to lay hold on, or fight for? 1 Timothy 6:12</p> | <p>8. How do we defeat Satan?
James 4:7</p> | <p>1. What did Jesus refer to His followers as, including His followers today? Matthew 5:14
“Light”</p> <p>2. With lights in people’s homes being on at night inside a city that has been built on a hill,</p> |

- what can they not be?
Matthew 5:14 "hid"
3. When people light a candle, where do they not put it?
Matthew 5:15 "under a bushel"
 4. Where is it placed instead?
Matthew 5:15 "on a candlestick"
 5. What can happen to candlesticks, referring to human beings, if we stay in a backslidden state? **Revelation 2:5 "remove"**
 6. What are we commanded to do with our light? **Beginning of Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men"**
 7. What two reasons are provided as we follow that command? **End of Matthew 5:16 "good works, and glorify your Father"**
 8. What body part is affected most by light? **Luke 11:34 "eye"**
 9. Light that is not good for us to view will lead to what? **Luke 11:35 "darkness"**
 10. If the body is full of light, what will it not partake in? **Luke 11:36 "having no part dark"**



Questions & Answers

QUESTION: Do evil angels die?

ANSWER: According to Jude 1:6, the Bible says, "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day." Their death does not occur until the execution of the judgment, which is hellfire.

It appears the best that can be done with evil angels is to cast them out. Jesus "cast out the spirits with [his] word" (Matthew 8:16); "when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake" (Matthew 9:33); and Jesus "had called unto [him] his twelve disciples, he gave them power [against] unclean spirits, to cast them out" (Matthew 10:1). That is just a small sample of the references we could supply about confrontation with demons or fallen angels.

It is the movies, television, even books that provide the implication that the devils fight against each other to their death or encounter the good angels, lose in battle, and die.

In fact, the Bible reveals an incident that no sooner than that time shall the evil angels be dealt with. "And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time? And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding. So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine" (Matthew 8:28-31). The torment spoken of is that of the promised punishment at the time of judgment, but instead, Jesus simply cast them out into the swine. He had power to destroy them right there and then, but He did not.

QUESTION: Who is taken first – the saved or the lost?

ANSWER: When you combine Proverbs 3:25-26 with 1

Thessalonians 4:17, we see that the wicked are taken out of the way first. "Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh. For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken. Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." To be kept from being taken is not the death at the hands of other humans for history reveals that there have been many martyrs. This "foot from being taken" is about standing for God, and He shall keep us from being lost or taken out of the way. In other words, if we are successful, while the lost are being taken out of the way, our foot shall remain, which is brought out in the Thessalonian verse. The use of the word "remain" in Thessalonians strongly implies that others are being taken out of the way, and they are, while the saved person remains. We want to be part of those who remain or are left behind.

Let us put it this way, when the vast majority of Christians are being taught that they do not want to be left behind, we can count on the fact that we indeed do want to be left behind because the vast majority are usually wrong. Further, when the movies portray the same thing, of wanting to be taken, we know that they misalign God's character and encourage people to root for the rebellious side instead of the obedient side. Therefore, they would indeed encourage the wrong desire when it comes to one being taken and the other being left behind. Since the movies and books encourage people to be taken, it must be wrong.

But let us investigate the verses themselves because some have challenged the conclusion in past encounters. Looking at Luke 17:34-36, where are the people? In verse 34, two men are in bed. They have retired for the night. And no, there is nothing encouraging a relationship here as it is customary to share the same bed. In verse 35 as well as in Matthew 24:41, we see two women hard at work grinding at the mill. In verse 36, we see two men in the field working. We know where all six people happen

to be. So, when the disciples ask, "Where, Lord?" in verse 37, it does not make sense to be asking, "Where are the ones left behind?" No. The logical question is, "Where are the ones who are taken, going?"

Now, Jesus' answer is a little vague when He states, "Wheresoever the body [is], thither will the eagles be gathered together" in verse 37. Without comparing scripture to scripture, which would break the rule for proper Bible study according to Isaiah 28:9-10, people have concluded that this is the secret rapture or at the very least, these are the ones taken to Heaven because the eagles sore in the sky and so shall the saved be for they "shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

The hint to understanding what Jesus meant happens to be in the use of the word "body". Bodies will be taken to the eagles. And in doing a proper Bible study, we compare scripture and find out that "wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together" (Matthew 24:28). In other words, this fulfills Revelation 19:17-18, which says, "And I saw

an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all [men, both] free and bond, both small and great."

So, the "taken" are the lost and they are dealt with first. Even Matthew 13:29-30 reveals this in a different parable. "But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn." The use of the word "first" means that the lost are dealt with first. Back in the other parable, the ones being taken are being dealt with first. We equate the two together and come to the same conclusion. The lost are taken first to be feasted upon by the eagles, or fowl.



News and Comments

September 3—USA Today

St. Jude's arm is going on tour: Catholic church announces relic's first-ever tour of US

"Relics, which are usually broken down into three classes, are physical objects that have a direct

association with Catholic saints or with the Lord, according to Treasures of the Church, and believers say that 'God acts through relics, especially in terms of healing.'" Although the serpent on a cross (Numbers 21:9) could be considered a relic, it was

destroyed later because of idol worshipping (2 Kings 18:1-4). Likewise, today it is nothing more than idol worship and should not be paraded.

September 6—Yahoo News

Parents outraged as migrant kids attend NYC schools without vaccinations

Either vaccinations are so effective that children from countries whose living environments are far worse than the United States ought to be required, or they are not so effective and ought not be forced upon United States children as a requirement for school attendance. The reason for the discrepancy is that those imposing these things are not wise. "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, [and] easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy." (James 3:17)

September 6—Discern Report

Scientists Have Created a Human "Entity" That Has No Mother or Father

Using stem cells is still cheating. So, the "mother" or "father" would be the owner of the stem cells. Despite trying to play God, they still cannot beat God's ability to make things out of nothing. Like Pharaoh stated, these people just seem to challenge the existence of God: "Who [is] the LORD, that I should obey his voice." (Exodus 5:2)

September 10—Fox News

Fauci predicts mask recommendations could come back if US sees 'significant uptick' in COVID-19 cases

We do not deal with speculation news, but we need to make a comment about attitude. If people fall for this, we are in big trouble. The CDC had declared in time that

the masks and even the jabs are ineffective. To even reconsider to control the population with possible regulations again is just revealing how people are mere sheep, have short term memories, and are easily scared into compliance. "Fret not thyself because of evildoers." (Psalms 37:1)

September 19—AP News

Some Virginia Democrats say livestreamed sex acts a distraction from election's real stakes

Set aside that this is a Democrat or Democrat positions because we are not political in nature but in addressing people's mindsets is what we want to highlight. It used to be that any immoral activity would cause a candidate to basically become uninterested and drop out of the race. It shows that immorality has indeed taken a foothold and is acceptable activity in the world and not a measure of character as character does not seem to matter. Basically, we live in a time of lawlessness. "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." (Matthew 24:12)

September 19—Telegraph

A third of transgender children on puberty blockers suffered mental health problems, study reveals

Surely people should have seen this coming. The body is designed to operate and develop in a certain natural manner. Corrective actions should only be taken when the body is functioning outside of the intended normality. To alter normality is going to result in ways that the body is going to reject,

even if it is only the mind. But when God is taken out of the equation, normality becomes defined by erring human beings, and people are the guinea pigs. "Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones." (Proverbs 3:7-8)

September 20—Yahoo Sports

Make it make sense: One life lost, one life altered while simply watching a football game

This is not an unusual situation. Violence among fans is actually very common. The devil will use everything to enrage people against another and sometimes it gets to the point that death occurs. Look at all of the cities that get destroyed because their team won or their team lost. "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?" (Psalms 2:1)

September 21—Observer

Bill Gates Says Planting Trees to Solve Climate Crisis Is 'Complete Nonsense'

Of course planting trees is not the solution. There is no money to be gained. It cannot easily be controlled. It does not control people. "He coveteth greedily all the day long." (Proverbs 21:26)

September 22—USA Today

'All about fun': Louisiana man says decapitated Jesus Halloween display has led to harassment

We do not see other religions attacked like this, but even so, there has to be truth about this to

be remotely interesting. The fact is, the Bible states, "For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken." (John 19:36). And that is why these acts happen and even why atheists exist. First, scripture is misinterpreted and carelessly misunderstood. Second, events, such as the crucifixion of Jesus is

not looked upon in a manner that fulfills scripture. Even prophecies, like the rise of antichrist, is more than 666. In fact, we have identified 88 points all fulfilled by one power that identifies the true antichrist.

September 29—Wood TV

When will humans go extinct?

These scientists have an answer

According to the article, we have 250 million years left. According to Jesus, "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also." (John 14:3). This is clearly "science falsely so called:" (1 Timothy 6:20)



Natural Remedies

Arthritis pain?

Try leaving out all the nightshade foods (tomatoes, potatoes, peppers, and eggplants) from the diet. Trying this for a month or more may give considerable

improvement of symptoms. Another diet change that can help not just arthritis, but overall health in general, is to go on a strict vegetarian diet, eliminating

all forms of animal products, not just meats, but dairy and eggs as well. Try it! You'll like the results!

