

Armageddon

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Main idea: In His Second Coming, Jesus is returning as a conquering king, so know and understand the signs of His return, yet despair not, but hold your head high for your redemption draws near.

In talking about details of the End Times, both the mighty angel Gabriel, in talking to Daniel, and Jesus, in talking to His apostles, told them to **know** and **understand**.

The Battle of Gog and Magog precipitates the Battle of Armageddon.

- About 2600 years ago Ezekiel prophesies the rise of modern-day Russia leading an alliance of Muslim countries in an invasion of Israel.

Israel is God's time clock for Armageddon and the end of the age, to wit:

- Becoming a nation in one day on May 14, 1948.
- Regathering of the Jewish people from throughout the world (*the diaspora*) in the land that God promised Abraham (them).
- Becoming a prosperous nation as Ezekiel prophesied.

Purposes for the Battle of Armageddon

- To finish His judgment and disciplining of Israel.
- To finalize His judgment against the Nations that have persecuted Israel.
- To formally judge **ALL** the nations that have rejected His son as Savior.

In light of Jesus' Second Coming, how should you go about your life:

- 1) Even if you are a Believer, you may be around –at least for Gog and Magog – so you better “know and understand.”
- 2) As Christ followers, we should not get discouraged as the world spirals downward. (We should do as Jesus said in Luke 21: 28, lift up our heads and know that our redemption is drawing nigh.)
- 3) We shouldn't let our knowing and understanding End Times distract from our going on about our Lord's business.
- 4) We should be diligent about sharing our faith.
- 5) Know that there will be a judgment.