

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

ARE WE APPROACHING ARMAGEDDON?

Revelation 16:1-21

Revelation — Week 21

**ICEBREAKER:** What do you live in denial about?

**OVERVIEW:** Many people think Armageddon is a final worldwide war that will kill most of the people on earth before Jesus comes back. Most prophecy “experts” have predicted that Armageddon would occur in their lifetime, and they have all been wrong. Could it be that Armageddon is not in our future, but in our past? In this discussion we will go deeper with Revelation 16 and the subject of Armageddon.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday’s message?)
2. What is recapitulation, and what does it have to do with interpreting the book of Revelation?
3. How many times is the word “Armageddon” found in the Bible? How should this affect our interpretation of the meaning of Armageddon?
4. Refer to Revelation 16. What is the evidence that Revelation is talking about Jerusalem?

5. Read Revelation 16:12-16.
  - a. What was the significance of the Euphrates in Israel’s history, and what was its significance in the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD?
  - b. Armageddon consists of two Hebrew words: *Har* and *Megiddo*. What do these words mean? What is the geographical problem with the word “Armageddon?”
  - c. What are some significant negative things that happened at Megiddo in Israel’s history?
  - d. What is the Preterist interpretation of Armageddon?
6. Are we approaching Armageddon? Explain.

**The Last Word:** “The war at Armageddon has already happened. It happened about 2,000 years ago... Armageddon was a metaphor for the last great battle at Jerusalem. It was a reference to the destruction of the city of Jerusalem in the apostolic age.” Larry Ball, *Blessed Is He Who Reads*