

# World Wars leading up to the Second Coming of Christ and God's Judgments upon the Nations

Daniel 11:40-45; Ezekiel 38,39; Zechariah 12-14, Rev. 9:13-19, 14:14-20, 16:16-18:24; Joel 2:30-3:17  
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## **Prior to the Second Coming:**

### ***I. Initial Fighting between Israel's enemies***

Several nations will engage the beast and his kingdom on **multiple fronts**. But the beast will be successful on nearly every front.

#### A. The beast vs. the king of the South

The beast will be engaged by countries south of Israel. This will likely include Egypt, Sudan, and Libya. [He will eventually be victorious and have complete control over these nations].

#### B. The beast vs. the king of the North

Upon the engagement with the king of the North, the beast will extend his rule over many countries quite quickly.

### ***II. First invasion of Israel***

The first wave of invasions into the land of Israel will be at the hands of the beast. He will invade Israel while he is at war against several other nations on multiple fronts.

### ***III. The War in the Middle East and North Africa***

The beast will extend his territory, conquering many nations. He will be successful in Egypt, Sudan, and Libya. He will not be able to defeat Jordan.

### ***IV. The Great Battle of Northeast Asia***

#### *The beast vs. Russia, China and their Allies*

At the time of the sounding of the 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet and the pouring of the 6<sup>th</sup> Bowl, Eastern Asia will become involved in the Great World Wars. With the mobilization of these vast armies [200,000,000 troops], the beast becomes alarmed and attacks them. During this time, 1/3 of the world's population dies [approximately 2 billion people], making it the bloodiest war ever fought in all of history. The beast will be successful, but will not completely destroy these nations, nor break their power because these countries (along with the beast and his kingdom) will turn their attention back to Israel.

### ***V. The Invasion of Jerusalem***

The attention will switch away from Northeast Asia and focus upon Israel. God says to the nations of the North "I will turn you around, put hooks in your jaws and bring you out with your whole army...the many nations with you...you will invade a land that has recovered from war [see "first invasion of Israel"]. The invasion of Jerusalem will be wildly successful. The city will be captured and half of the people will go into exile. The beast will place his royal headquarters on Mount Zion in Jerusalem [see Daniel 11:40-45].

## ***VI. The Great Battle at Megiddo [Armageddon]***

The other nations [probably not including the beast] will attack Israel at Megiddo in the plain of Jezreel.

### **Parallel Battle: The Destruction of the City of Babylon**

While the Battle at Megiddo is beginning, the beast and his kingdom will set out to attack Babylon [“For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish His purpose...” – Rev. 17:17]. The Great city of Babylon is part of a larger reorganized Babylonian Empire. The destruction of Babylon will be so complete that the world will be “terrified” [Rev. 18:10]. The city of Babylon will never recover from this complete annihilation.

### **God’s Pronounced Judgment:**

At this time, God pronounces that the empire of Babylon will be completely destroyed soon. We know from Jeremiah 12:25-33 that the empire of Babylon will be destroyed last, after all other nations are punished by Christ Himself. At the condemnation of Babylon by God, and the pronouncement of her impending doom, heaven rejoices [Rev 19:1-4]

### **Megiddo/Armageddon continues...**

With the gathering of the armies of the world, Christ appears in the sky. His appearance coincides with many great astronomical signs [the sixth seal] and judgments from heaven [the seventh bowl]. He will destroy those who fought Israel at Megiddo [Joel 3:13. Rev 14:14-20], but the beast and his kingdom and other armies will not be destroyed. They will gather to fight Jesus in Jerusalem, where He has landed.

## **After the Second Coming:**

### ***VII. The War against Jesus in Jerusalem***

The beast, his kingdom, and other armies will gather to fight Jesus in Jerusalem [where Jesus has landed]. The beast and the false prophet are captured and thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. The rest of the armies are killed and birds ate their dead bodies. The time required for this battle, beginning with Christ’s second coming/the rapture and extending to the end of this battle will be 30 days. [see Daniel 12:11 “1,290 days” compared to Rev 12-13 [“1,260 days/42 months”]

### ***VIII. God’s judgment upon the nations***

After Christ’s victory in Jerusalem, He will exact judgment on all the wicked nations, finishing with the complete destruction of the Babylonian Empire [Rev 16:19, Jer 25:12-33]. Jesus will exact judgment upon the nations that attacked Jerusalem, killing them with a plague, causing their flesh, eyeballs and tongues to rot in an instant while they are still standing on their feet. Others will kill each other in a panic [Zech 14:12-15]. The time required for these judgments will be 45 days. [see Daniel 12:11- 12: 1,335 days minus 1,290 days]

### ***IX. The Last Great Battle***

The **FINAL WAR** ever to be fought, will be fought in Jerusalem against God’s people at the end of the millennial kingdom. This happens after satan is released from the bottomless pit. The armies of the earth will gather against Jerusalem and fire from heaven will devour them. satan will be thrown into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. Then comes Judgment Day....