

Har-Mageddon in the Prophets

Shared Features	Joel 2:30 – 3:2	Daniel 11:36 – 12:1 ¹	Zechariah 14:1-21	Revelation 16 & 19	Comments
<p>The nations gather against Jerusalem (J2 D45 Z2 R14)</p> <p>Massive earthquake (Z14 R18) and substantial geological changes (Z4,8,10 R19,20)</p> <p>Severe atmospheric disturbances (J30 Z6 R21)</p> <p>There is a leader of the enemies defeated between the seas & Zion (D36ff, R13)</p> <p>YHWH fights for Israel (J2 Z3,12,13 R14,21)</p> <p>A fiery judgment? (Z12)</p>	<p>30 "I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth, Blood, fire and columns of smoke.² 31 "The sun will be turned into darkness And the moon into blood³ Before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. 32 "And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the LORD Will be delivered; For on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem There will be those who escape, As the LORD has said, Even among the survivors whom the LORD calls. 3:1 "For behold, in those days and at that time, When I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, 2 I will gather all the nations And bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat.⁴ Then I will enter into judgment with them there On behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; And they have divided up My land.</p>	<p>36 "Then the king will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods; and he will prosper until the indignation is finished, for that which is decreed will be done. 37 "He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the desire of women, nor will he show regard for any <i>other</i> god; for he will magnify himself above <i>them</i> all. 38 "But instead he will honor a god of fortresses, a god whom his fathers did not know; he will honor <i>him</i> with gold, silver, costly stones and treasures. 39 "He will take action against the strongest of fortresses with <i>the help</i> of a foreign god; he will give great honor to those who acknowledge <i>him</i> and will cause them to rule over the many, and will parcel out land for a price. 40 "At the end time the king of the South will collide with him, and the king of the North will storm against him with chariots, with horsemen and with many ships; and he will enter countries, overflow <i>them</i> and pass through. 41 "He will also enter the Beautiful Land, and many <i>countries</i> will fall; but these will be rescued out of his hand: Edom,</p>	<p>Behold, a day is coming for the LORD when the spoil taken from you will be divided among you. 2 For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the people will not be cut off from the city. 3 Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. 4 In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south. 5 You will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains</p>	<p>16:13 And I saw <i>coming</i> out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs; 14 for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty. 15 ("Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and men will not see his shame.") 16 And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon. 17 Then the seventh <i>angel</i> poured out his bowl upon the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, "It is done." 18 And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so</p>	<p>Really, only one prophecy contains the name translated in the KJV as Armageddon⁵ - Rev.16:16 The other passages are included because they seem to match the events described in Revelation 16 (see shared features). Ezekiel matches these passages as well but also seems to differ in significant ways.⁶</p>

¹ There is a marked break between v.35 & v.36; Jerome indicated that the Jews of his day (c.300-400 AD) viewed v.36 on as a future period; v.35 & earlier refer to Antiochus.

² lit. 'date palms' of smoke, not to be overly suggestive but 'mushroom clouds' convey the same image; Matt 24:29; Mark 13:24, 25; Luke 21:11, 25, 26; Acts 2:19

³ Is 13:10; 34:4; Joel 2:10; 3:15; Matt 24:29; Mark 13:24; Luke 21:25; Acts 2:20; Rev 6:12, 13

⁴ This means *YHWH judges*; Since there is no known valley of the name Jehoshaphat, some believe this is a description of an event rather than the name of a location.

⁵ from *har meghiddo*, "Mount of Megiddo"; while unclear, some believe this refers to tel Megiddo which is a mound at the head of a pass through the Carmel Ridge, which overlooks the Valley of Jezreel from the west; many battles have been fought on the plain of Megiddo also known as the plain of Esdraelon (note Dan.11:45: it does lie between the three seas to the east and west (Mediterranean, Galilean, Dead) and Jerusalem to the south.)

⁶ See Appendix

	<p>3:18 And in that day The mountains will drip with sweet wine, And the hills will flow with milk, And all the brooks of Judah will flow with water; And a spring will go out from the house of the Lord to water the valley of Shittim.</p>	<p>Moab and the foremost of the sons of Ammon. 42 "Then he will stretch out his hand against <i>other</i> countries, and the land of Egypt will not escape. 43 "But he will gain control over the hidden treasures of gold and silver and over all the precious things of Egypt; and Libyans and Ethiopians <i>will follow</i> at his heels. 44 "But rumors from the East and from the North will disturb him, and he will go forth with great wrath to destroy and annihilate many. 45 "He will pitch the tents of his royal pavilion between the seas and the beautiful Holy Mountain; yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him. 12:1 "Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands <i>guard</i> over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.</p>	<p>will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD, my God, will come, <i>and</i> all the holy ones with Him! 6 In that day there will be no light; the luminaries will dwindle. 7 For it will be a unique day which is known to the LORD, neither day nor night, but it will come about that at evening time there will be light. 8 And in that day living waters will flow out of Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and the other half toward the western sea; it will be in summer as well as in winter. 9 And the LORD will be king over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be <i>the only</i> one, and His name <i>the only</i> one. 10 All the land will be changed into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; but Jerusalem will rise and remain on its site from Benjamin's Gate as far as the place of the First Gate to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's wine presses. 11 People will live in it, and there will no longer be a curse, for Jerusalem will dwell in security. 12 Now this will be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the</p>	<p>great an earthquake <i>was it, and</i> so mighty. 19 The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath. 20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 21 And huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe. Revelation 19:11-21 11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. 12 His eyes <i>are</i> a flame of fire, and on His head <i>are</i> many diadems; and He has a name written <i>on Him</i> which no one knows except Himself. 13 <i>He is</i> clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white <i>and</i> clean, were following Him on white horses. 15 From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them</p>	
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