

# *Trinity Bible Church*

*The Carpenter's House*

**May 24, 2020**

## **The Stages of Armageddon**

### Announcements:

**Sunday      May 31      Lord Willing, time to regather.  
The Lord's Table.**

- \*\* As you know most of our blessed little group is in the "high-risk" category, so please continue to pray for personal and corporate wisdom for all of us. Having prayed for wisdom, which many of you have as well, I have sought to discern what is appropriate for our group, while getting input from the deacon board. Many of our members have indicated that they do not feel it wise for them to attend this coming Sunday so it seems best to me to continue as we have until May 31, when Phase 3 begins, because there are still a lot of restrictions for Phase 2. Arrangements have already been made to do the Lord's Table in a way that doesn't expose the elements to any potential problems of contamination.**
- \*\* Some have asked about how to give their offerings. You can mail them to Roger Mueller, 13225 St. Andrews Dr., OKC, OK 73122 or make them online through our website. It is safer to contribute in this manner than mailing your offering to the church.**
- \*\* A new dimension of the website has been added which are podcasts. Go to: [tbcokc.org](http://tbcokc.org) then the "Resources" tab. You will see a link to "Podcast Development" where the Revelation and Coming Events series have been added. You can also go to the "Vimeo" link and get the video of these classes and 25 other studies.**

	April	Total 2020	General Fund	Building Fund	Missions 2020
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$ 7,037.17</b>	<b>\$ 31,050.17</b>		<b>\$ 45,629.42</b>	<b>\$1,875.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>5,515.84</b>	<b>30,686.54</b>		<b>Missions Bal</b>	<b>3,650.00</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,521.33</b>	<b>\$ 363.63</b>	<b>\$21,486.64</b>	<b>\$9,246.95</b>	<b>\$-1775.00</b>

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING**

**Economic Babylon**

**Revelation 18:11-20**

## **Events of the Second Advent: The Stages of Armageddon**

### **Section H—Events Following the Rapture on Earth**

#### **4. Events of the Second Advent**

##### **A. General Observations:**

**B. Armagedón: Dan 11:40-45; Rev 16:12-16; Joel 2-3; Rev 19:11-16; Isa 66:16-18; Eze 38:18-23; Jer 25:30-33**

**C. Stage One—The Invasion of Palestine. Dan 11:40**

**D. Stage Two—King of the North faces supply lines being cut off. Dan 11:43**

##### **E. Stage Three—The Siege of Jerusalem**

**1. The setting. Joel 2:1-13**

**2. Those who believe during the Final Battles of the Armageddon Campaign are not to flee to the mountains, but to stay in Jerusalem and fight. Joel 3:9-10**

**3. The remnant, which is one-third of the population of Jerusalem, is fighting. Those with faith are claiming God's promises. Joel 2:20; Zech 13:8-9**

**4. The unbelieving Jews have been deluded into a false sense of security via their treaty and their pseudo-Millennium.**

**5. God permits all of Israel's enemies to gather for the Final Battle. Zech 14:2; cf. (summary of) Dan 11:40-44; Rev 16:12-16.**

**6. They have challenged the Creator. Zech 12:1**

**7. All nations will want Jerusalem. Zech 12:2**

**8. It will give them a hernia. Zech 12:3**

**9. The King of the North will be stopped for a time. Rev 10:1-3**

**10. The King of the West is from Greece and is in the Plain of Esdraelon being battled by the sons of Zion who fled to the mountains in the middle of the Tribulation. Matt 24:15-16; Zech 9:11-17; Rev 12:13-17**

**11. The Kings of the East are in the Valley of Jehoshaphat, south of Dead Sea. Joel 3:1-2, 11-12**

**12. The Lord is invisibly involved in this part of the fight. Zech 12:4-9**

**13. It is time for the reaping. Joel 3:13-17; Rev 14:17-20**

**14. Grace still offers another opportunity to repent and believe. Zech 12:10-11; Joel 2:12**

##### **F. Stage Four—Grace**

**1. All armies are ready to hit Jerusalem.**

**2. A Great Earthquake has just occurred. Rev 16:18-20**

**3. The Tribulation is over. Matt 24:29 & Mark 13:24**

**4. The situation is hopeless for the Jews.**

**5. Jews are to pray. Joel 2:15-17**

**6. The Lord will respond to their prayers. Joel 2:18-19**

- 7. A supernatural darkness will cover the earth. Matt 24:29; Isa 60:2; Joel 2:31; Zech 14:6**
- 8. The armies of Israel's enemies panic. Zech 12:4**
- 9. Their great military organization falls apart. Joel 2:7-8**
- 10. Suddenly comes the light from the Lord Jesus Christ. Zech 14:7; Psa 97:1-12; Matt 24:30**
- 11. He is there to fight. Zech 14:3; Rev 19:15-19**
- 12. First, He delivers the remnant by splitting the Mount of Olives. Zech 14:4**
- 13. The Jews are to pass through this new valley. Zech 14:5**

## **The Description of Economic Babylon Revelation 18:11-24**

### **Section D—The Things Which Will Be 4:1–22:5**

#### **13. Religious and Economic Babylon 17:1-18:24**

##### **18:11 = The Reaction of the Merchants**

**L.T. = And the international merchants of the earth are wailing and anguishing over her, because no one buys their cargo any more.**

##### **Summary:**

- 1. This Babylon is the cornerstone of the world's economy.**
- 2. The loss of this entity will collapse the world's economy.**
- 3. To date, there has only been one nation in the history of the world that could impact the world's economy to such an extent.**

##### **18:12 = Imports**

**L.T. = Cargoes of gold and silver and precious stones and pearls, and fine linen and purple and silk and scarlet and every sandarac tree and every article of ivory and every article made from very costly wood, and bronze and iron and marble.**

##### **18:13 = More Imports**

**L.T. = And cinnamon and ointment and incense and perfume and frankincense and wine and olive oil and fine flour and grain and cattle and sheep and cargoes of horses and four-wheeled wagons and bodies and souls of men.**

##### **Summary:**

- 1. This entity is the major importer of the world's finest items.**
- 2. Men will "sell their souls" to partake of this wealth.**
- 3. All these valuable commodities will become nearly worthless as the supply exceeds the demand.**

##### **18:14 = Exports**

**L.T. = And your ripe fruit of the lust of the soul has gone from you, and all things which are the dainty things and the bedazzling things; it is destroyed from you and they will positively never find them again.**

##### **Summary:**

- 1. This entity dies while expecting even greater wealth.**
- 2. The souls of the inhabitants are focused completely on the things of life.**
- 3. They offer unique luxuries and the superlative of past luxuries.**
- 4. One must never trust wealth since it is transitory. 1 Tim 6:9-10,17-19; Jas 4:14-15**

##### **18:15 = The Merchants' Response**

**L.T. = The international merchants of these things who became rich from her, stand at a long distance because of the fear of her torment, wailing and anguishing,**

##### **18:16 = Their "Wail"**

**L.T. = Saying, "Woe, woe, the great city, she who was clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and having been gilded with gold and precious stones and pearls;**

##### **18:17 = Their Amazement**

**L.T. = For in one hour such great wealth has been desolated!" And every shipmaster and everyone who is upon a place of sailing and sailor, and as many as are working the sea, stood at a long distance,**

**18:18 = Their Statement**

**L.T. = And were crying out as they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What city is like to the great city?'"**

**18:19 = The Workers' Response**

**L.T. = And they threw dust on their heads and kept crying out, wailing and anguishing, saying, "Woe, woe, the great city, in which all who had ships at sea became rich by her wealth, for in one hour she has been desolated."**

**Summary:**

- 1. The double "woes" are used by kings, merchants and workers.**
- 2. The kings wail over the loss of economics and military.**
- 3. The merchants wail over the loss of imports and exports.**
- 4. The workers wail over the loss of potential wealth and present unemployment.**
- 5. Neither wealth nor prominence will deliver a nation or individual from God's judgment.**
- 6. Amazement stems from the totality and speed of the devastation.**
- 7. These verses also document a geography that could have only been reached by ship in the ancient world. Jer 51:13**
- 8. The "Great City" refers to the financial capitol of the nation in view.**
- 9. A rebuilt Historical Babylon could never fulfill this description because the Euphrates runs alongside it. It is by a river in a desert and not adjoined by a sea.**
- 10. The world will realize that the greatest economic power in history is gone.**

**18:20 = The Heavenly Command**

**L.T. = Keep rejoicing over her, O Heaven, namely the Holy Ones and the apostles and the prophets because the God has judged the judgment for you against them.**

**Summary:**

- 1. There will be a celebration in heaven after the fall of this nation.**
- 2. All Believers, angels, apostles and prophets will join in.**
- 3. The rejoicing is because of prophetic fulfillment. Jer 51:48**
- 4. The judgment belongs to Jesus Christ. John 5:22**
- 5. The greatest example of the economic viewpoint of the Tower of Babel will be gone.**
- 6. This viewpoint has persecuted Believers throughout history.**
- 7. Therefore the judgment is rendered for all Believers.**