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**Rev Pt 4: Lec 10:
What & When is Armageddon?**

Have you thought that the battle of Armageddon was a single battle? Putting together the OT and the NT we can see that it is not a single battle but a major campaign

Rev 11:14 The second woe is past; behold, the third woe is coming quickly. 15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there arose loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever." 16 And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17 saying, "We give Thee thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who art and who wast, because Thou hast taken Thy great power and hast begun to reign. 18 "And the nations were enraged, and Thy wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to give their reward to Thy bond-servants the prophets and to the saints and to those who fear Thy name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth."

This campaign of Armageddon is when God destroys those who destroy the earth. All of this begins at the 7th Trumpet which leads to the 7 Bowls, remembering that the 7th Trumpet is the beginning of the Day of the Lord. And this we determined by a process of elimination, looking simply at what God's Word said about the Day of the Lord. What has to happen before the Day of the Lord: An apostasy, the man of lawlessness revealed (which happens at the 7th Trumpet, when he takes his seat in the Holy Place and declares himself to be "god".)

Rev 12:7 And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. And the dragon and his angels waged war, 8 and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Right now the Devil has access to heaven but at the time of this war in heaven he is kicked out of heaven and thrown down to earth.

Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, **Now** the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night.

So salvation & power & Kingdom of our God come when the Devil is thrown to earth.

Rev 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman (Israel) who gave birth to the male child. (So when the man of lawlessness is revealed, he persecutes Israel, all of this beginning at the 7th Trumpet.) 14 And the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, in order that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. 15 And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood. 16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth. 17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

Man of lawlessness revealed > Day of Lord begins (2 Thes 2)

> he persecutes Israel > Israel flees into wilderness

>Dragon sends a literal flood but the earth opens up to protect her from the flood

> she is in the wilderness (her place) for 3 1/2 years.

Matt 24:15 "Therefore **when** (note importance of observing for expressions of time) you see the abomination of desolation which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, (Dan 7-note, Da 9:27-note, Dan 12-note) standing in the holy place (The Holy of Holies in the Temple which has to exist at this time--they are preparing even now to rebuild the Temple) (let the reader understand), 16 **then** let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains; 17 let him who is on the housetop not go down to get the things out that are in his house; 18 and let him who is in the field not turn back to get his cloak. 19 "But woe to those who are with child and to those who nurse babes in **those days!** 20 "But pray that your flight may not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath; 21 For **then** there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the **beginning** of the world **until now**, nor ever shall. 22 "And unless **those days** had been **cut short**, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect **those days** shall be **cut short**. 23 "**Then** if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There He is,' do not believe him... 26 "If therefore they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the wilderness,' do not go forth, or, 'Behold, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe them. 27 "For just as the lightning comes from the east,

and flashes even to the west, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be. 28 "Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. 29 "But **immediately after** the tribulation of **those days** the **sun** will be darkened, and the **moon** will not give its light, and the **stars** will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken, 30 and **then the sign of the Son of Man** will appear in the sky, and **then** all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory.

So when the Abomination of Desolation stands in the Holy Place the Jews in Israel are to FLEE and Kay thinks they will flee south into **Edom** to **Petra** carved in the mountain stone. There is a single entrance that allows only one rider at a time to pass through. Kay believes that when the man of lawlessness stands in the Holy Place the Jews in Jerusalem will see and will flee to the wilderness for **time, times and 1/2 time**. But the Dragon is angry and goes off to make war against "the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus." Where did these "**offspring**" come from? What has been happening the first 3 1/2 years? Two witnesses have been on earth preaching until they are put to death at the beginning of the 7th Trumpet. We also see the Temple in Rev 11:1-2.

ADDENDUM COMMENT:

But what else has to come before the Day of the Lord? Elijah has to come.

Malachi 4:5 "Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible **day of the Lord**. 6 "And he will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the land with a curse."

One of the **witnesses** in Rev 11 might be **Elijah** and that **Moses** is the 2nd witness bc he was on the mount of transfiguration and turned water into blood, etc. Others believe the 2nd witness is **Enoch** because he prophesied about this time in Jude warning all the ungodly to flee and part from their ungodly deeds and he taught about the judgment of God to come. And some say that since Elijah and Enoch both did not die and it is appointed to man once to die (Heb 9:27), but instead were caught up into heaven. In addition you have 144,000 that could be witnessing and we know that when the Day of the Lord begins, the 144,000 are in heaven. So it seems that from the **1ST Seal** to the **7TH Trumpet** which may be 3 1/2 years length, there are 2 witnesses and 144,000 Jews sealed after the **6TH Seal** also witnessing. They are ones who are the woman's **offspring** and held to the testimony of Jesus. But during all this witnessing, you have some who will apostatize. Why? In **Dan 9:24-27** Daniel describes a covenant with **THE MANY**, not with all of Israel. It could be that **THE MANY** are those who apostatize, that are behind the beast (having appeared in the **1ST Seal** conquering and to conquer, being killed, then being raised.) Why would they apostatize? It could be because the Beast, the Antichrist, is **resurrected from the dead** many will "believe" in him. And he persecutes the woman Israel who flees to Edom.

What else has to happen before the Day of the Lord according to Joel?

Sun has to be darkened and **moon** has to be turned to blood, which occurs at the **6th Seal** before the **great and terrible day of the Lord** can come. There also have to be wonders and signs (**fire, blood and smoke**) which happens from the **1st** to the **6th** Trumpet. Then comes the **Day of the Lord**, a day of Judgment, a day when Christ is going to take His reign, a day that men have wondered about (when the **mystery of God** is finished, the **mystery** being that if Jesus Christ is God and is to rule the face of the earth, then why doesn't He come and do something now to all this iniquity. So now the lines are clearly divided because this man has stood in the Temple of God and said "I am god and you will worship me." But meanwhile Jesus Christ is sitting in the heavens and He is the only God.

In Rev 12 when the woman flees it is probably into Edom (modern day Jordan). In Rev 13 there is an overview of the Beast

THE BEAST--THE ANTICHRIST

Rev 13:3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast; 4 and they worshiped the dragon, because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and **who is able to wage war with him?**" 5 And there was given to **him** a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies; and authority to act for **forty-two months** was given to **him**. 6 And **he** opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven. (you see those on earth who are worshiping the beast and those in heaven who worship the Lamb, so the lines are drawn and the contest is clear... the beast against Almighty God and against His Christ.) 7 And it was given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them; and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation

was given to him. 7 And it was given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them; and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him. (the woman Israel has fled and when the Dragon went off to make war with her offspring, we see a DIRECT CONFLICT. Here we see the Beast ruling the entire earth, even as Dan 7 had predicted.) 8 And all who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain. 9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear. (Listen carefully!)

The other beast: the false prophet

Rev 13:13 And he performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men. (this is also what the 2 WITNESSES in Rev 11 did... so there is contest of signs that God had performed, which could certainly lead to a great deception) 14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life. (Cp, 2 Thes 2:8-9 re "signs & wonders") They receive 666 in order to buy or sell but they will never go to heaven but be thrown into the Lake of Fire forever.

In Revelation 14 we see the 144,000 in heaven in Revelation 14:1-5.

Rev 14:6 And I saw another angel flying in mid-heaven, having an eternal gospel (See **Mt 24:14**"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come.) to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people; 7 and he said with a loud voice, "Fear God, and give Him glory, because **the hour** of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters. (all that has been affected by the Seal & Trumpet judgments) 8 (Remember that in these verses we are seeing an **OVERVIEW of the events to come in the last 3 1/2 years**. In other words they are an interlude like one has between acts in a play and provide additional information to the reader) And another angel, a second one, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who has made all the nations drink of the wine of the passion of her immorality." 9 And another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or upon his hand, 10 he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, ...

Rev 14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, **'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'**" (Anyone who dies in the Great Tribulation during the last 3 1/2 years is blessed of the Lord because they are getting out of there and God will raise them from the dead after the 7th Bowl, blessed bc they did not take the mark, bc they did not sell their soul to the enemy, because they persevered and did not love their life to the death. If you want to be blessed then you don't bow your knee to the enemy. You don't turn to the right or to the left but you are willing to do all that God commands you. If you can't walk with the footmen now, how are you going to keep up when the horses come? How are you going to keep up when the going gets rougher?) blessed bc they are going to sit upon thrones, blessed bc they are going to rule and reign with Him) "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them." 14 And I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud [was] one like a son of man, having a golden crown on His head, and a sharp sickle in His hand. 15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud (Jesus) , "Put in your sickle and reap, because the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe." (THIS IS AN OVERVIEW OF THE REAPING OF THE EARTH THAT IS TO COME) 16 And He who sat on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth; and the earth was reaped. 17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle. 18 And another angel, the one who has power over fire, came out from the altar; and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Put in your sharp sickle, and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe." 19 And the angel swung his sickle to the earth, and gathered the clusters from the vine of the earth, and threw them **into the great wine press of the wrath of God** 20 And the wine press was trodden **outside the city**, (outside Jerusalem separating it from the mount of Olives is the **Valley of Jehoshaphat**. So this winepress is not going to be tread IN Jerusalem but outside the city.) and blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses' bridles, for a distance of two hundred miles.

Rev 16 the Bowls are poured out and the 5th Bowl is poured out on the Beast:

Rev 16:11 and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they did not repent of their deeds. (THEY HAVE HEARD THE GOSPEL IN REV 14:6 for God is not willing that any should perish but these men do not listen, even when they received these sores, even in the blackness of all that God

is judging on this kingdom, instead of repenting lift their fists against God and do not repent.) 12 And the sixth angel poured out his bowl upon the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, that the way might be prepared for the kings from the east.13 And I saw coming 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. (they are gathered at **Megiddo**...WATCH FOR THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS.) 15 ("Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his garments, lest he walk about naked and men see his shame.")16 And they gathered them (THE KINGS OF THE EARTH) together to the place which in Hebrew is called HarMagedon. (THE VALLEY OF MEGIDDO which goes all the way down south to Jerusalem.)

ZECHARIAH 12

Zech 12:1 The burden of the word of the Lord concerning Israel. Thus declares the Lord who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him,2 "Behold, I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that causes reeling to all the peoples around; and when the siege is against Jerusalem, it will also be against Judah. (Judah is south of Jerusalem...so the nations will come not just against Jerusalem but also against Judah) 3 "And it will come about **in that day** that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured. And all **the nations of the earth** will be gathered against it.(HAS NEVER HAPPENED) 4 "**In that day**," declares the Lord, "I will strike every horse with bewilderment, and his rider with madness. But I will watch over the house of Judah...5 "**Then** the **clans of Judah** will say in their hearts, 'A strong support for us are the inhabitants of Jerusalem through the Lord of hosts, their God.'

6 "**In that day** I will make the clans of Judah like a firepot among pieces of wood and a flaming torch among sheaves, so they will consume on the right hand and on the left all the surrounding peoples, **while** the inhabitants of Jerusalem again dwell on their own sites in Jerusalem.7 "The Lord also will save the tents of Judah **first** in order that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem may not be magnified above Judah.(Jerusalem is going to be a cup of reeling. These nations gathered by the Antichrist are coming against Jerusalem to wipe it out, but God says that He will protect the clans of Judah before Jerusalem...remembering that Judah is SOUTH toward Edom.) 8 "**In that day** the Lord will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the one who is feeble among them **in that day** will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the angel of the Lord before them.9 "And it will come about **in that day** that I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. 10 "And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him, like the bitter weeping over a first-born. (This goes with Rev 1:7...So now we have a process, and at first see them gathered in the valley of Megiddo, then coming towards Jerusalem, the tents of Judah being saved first)

ZECHARIAH 14

Zech 14:1: Behold, a **day** is coming for the Lord when the spoil taken from you will be divided among you. (among the Jews) 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 city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. (So all the nations are gathered against Jerusalem but Babylon has yet to be destroyed. In the 6th Bowl you have the gathering of the nations to Armageddon. In the 7th Bowl you see the destruction of Babylon)

THE FALL OF BABYLON IN REVELATION 16:19

Rev 16: 17 And the seventh angel 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 great an earthquake was it, and so mighty.19 And **the great city** (Jerusalem) was split into three parts, and **the cities of the nations fell**. And **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.

Jerusalem split into 3 parts, the cities of nations are falling, and Babylon the Great is remembered before God to be destroyed by fire. The Beast and the 10 kings with him are behind this destruction of Babylon but God is ultimately behind the destruction, having put it in their hearts, even allowing the demons to go forth to gather all the nations to bring them back to Megiddo. God is in charge.

Next to Rev 16:19 put Jeremiah 50:46...you need to read both Jer 49-50.

Jer 50:46 At the shout, "**Babylon** has been seized!" the earth is shaken, and an outcry is heard among the nations. (So what you have as the nations are being gathered against Jerusalem is another battle going on against Babylon, a destruction by fire.)

CALL FOR THE JEWS TO COME OUT

Rev 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "**Come out of her**, (BABYLON) my people, (JEWS) that you may not participate in her sins and that you may not receive of her plagues;

Jer 50:2 "Declare and proclaim among the nations. Proclaim it and lift up a standard. Do not conceal it but say, 'Babylon has been captured,...'3 "For a nation has come up against her out of the north; it will make her land an object of horror, and there will be no inhabitant in it. Both man and beast have wandered off, they have gone away!4 "**In those days and at that time**," declares the Lord, "the sons of Israel will come, both they and the sons of Judah as well; they will go along weeping as they go, and it will be **the Lord their God they will seek**. (All of this is going to cause Israel to start seeking the Lord. So the Jews will come out of Babylon, not out of Israel.) 5 "They will ask for the way to Zion, turning their faces in its direction; they will come that they may join themselves to the Lord in an **everlasting covenant** that will not be forgotten....9 "For behold, I am going to arouse and bring up against Babylon a horde of great nations from the land of the north, and they will draw up their battle lines against her; from there she will be taken captive. Their arrows will be like an expert warrior who does not return empty-handed....20 'In those days and at that time,' declares the Lord, 'search will be made for the iniquity of Israel, but **there will be none**; and for the sins of Judah, but they will not be found; for **I shall pardon** those whom I leave as a **remnant**.'

So God has called His people to come out of Babylon bc it is going to be destroyed and they will say "Let us return to Zion. Let's seek the Lord." The other nations with the kings of this earth are gathered in the valley of Megiddo. The people from the north have come down now against Babylon and Babylon is destroyed at the **7th Bowl**. And there is a great earthquake. And the Jews are coming out of that place.

BABYLON INTOXICATING ALL THE EARTH

Jer 51:5 For neither Israel nor Judah has been forsaken by his God, the Lord of hosts, although their land is full of guilt before the Holy One of Israel.6 **Flee** from the midst of Babylon, (HE IS TALKING TO THE JEWS) and each of you save his life! Do not be destroyed in her punishment, for this is the Lord's time of vengeance; He is going to render recompense to her. 7 Babylon has been a golden cup in the hand of the Lord, **intoxicating all the earth**. (That is exactly what you read in Rev 17) The nations have drunk of her wine; therefore the nations are going mad.8 Suddenly Babylon has fallen and been broken; wail over her! (When Babylon was destroyed by this fire and the kings see her smoke, they begin to wail because this was a rich city and where they made their money.)

...9 We applied healing to Babylon, but she was not healed; forsake her and let us each go to his own country, for her judgment has reached to heaven and towers up to the very skies.10 The Lord has brought about our vindication; come and let us recount in Zion

The work of the Lord our God!

...45 "Come forth from her midst, My people, and each of you save yourselves from the fierce anger of the Lord. 46 "Now lest your heart grow faint, and you be afraid at the report that will be heard in the land—for the report will come one year, and after that another report in another year, ...50 You who have escaped the sword, Depart! Do not stay! Remember the Lord from afar, and let Jerusalem come to your mind.

The Proposed Sequence of events

- 1). **There is a battle in the Valley of Megiddo**(ED COMMENT: ACTUALLY THERE IS NO BATTLE MENTIONED AT MEGIDDO)
- 2). **Another battle is going on in Babylon & it is being destroyed.**
- 3). **The army in #1 moves down to Jerusalem**
- 4). **Zech 14--Jerusalem will be captured, wives of Jews ravished, city plundered**
- 5). **Next...go to Rev 19.**

Rev 19:2 because His judgments are true and righteous; for He has judged the great harlot who was corrupting the earth with her immorality, and He has avenged the blood of His bond-servants on her.” 3 And a second time they said, “Hallelujah! Her smoke rises up forever and ever.” (Xref Jeremiah 51:25-26)

6). Rebuilt Babylon will be desolate forever...

Jer 51:25 “Behold, I am against you, **O destroying mountain**, (BABYLON) who destroys the whole earth,” (REMEMBER: Babylon has corrupted the whole earth) declares the Lord, “And I will stretch out My hand against you, and roll you down from the crags and I will make you a burnt out mountain.²⁶ “And they will not take from you even a stone for a corner nor a stone for foundations, but you will be **desolate forever**,” declares the Lord.

FAITHFUL & TRUE RETURNS

Rev 19:11 And I saw heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and He who sat upon it is called **Faithful and True**; and in righteousness He judges and wages war....¹³ And He is 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 and clean, were following Him on white horses.¹⁵ And from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may smite the nations; and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the **wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty**.

A HIGHWAY OF HOLINESS FOR THE REDEEMED

Isaiah 34:5 For My sword is satiated in heaven, behold it shall descend for judgment upon **Edom**, and upon the people whom I have devoted to destruction. 6 The sword of the Lord is filled with blood, it is sated (filled) with fat, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams. For the Lord has a sacrifice in **Bozrah** (major city in Edom) and a great slaughter in the land of Edom. (Remember God said "Jacob have I loved. Essau--Edom-- have I hated.") 7 Wild oxen shall also fall with them, and young bulls with strong ones; thus their land shall be soaked with blood, (In **Rev 14:20** the blood comes up from the wine press for 200 miles...from Jerusalem to Edom is **200 MILES!**)⁸ For the Lord has a day of vengeance, year of recompense for the cause of Zion.

If we went on to Isaiah 35 we would see that the Lord is coming and a HIGHWAY OF HOLINESS will be opened and the REDEEMED will walk there.

Isaiah 35:10 And the ransomed of the Lord will return, and come with joyful shouting to Zion, with everlasting joy upon their heads. They will find gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS SURROUNDING HAR-MAGEDON

- 1). Gathering of the nations in the valley of Megiddo against Jerusalem
- 2). Babylon is destroyed
- 3). These armies in #1 go into Jerusalem & destroy it (but they know that there are still a segment of Jews that they never got their hands on because they fled into the wilderness).
- 4). After conquering Jerusalem, the Antichrist moves with his armies down towards Edom to get those Jews that he could not get before.
- 5). Where does the Lord come?

Isaiah 63:1 says Who is this who comes from Edom, With garments of glowing colors from Bozrah, This One who is majestic in His apparel, Marching in the greatness of His strength? "It is I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save." He is coming in righteousness to judge and to make war but first He comes to the clans of Judah, to the woman who has been hiding in the wilderness.

6). As Christ comes down to Edom, the antichrist's armies come down from Jerusalem toward Edom. Christ marches straight through them going northward, His garments being soaked with blood that comes us as high as the bridle on the horse for 200 miles. He makes a Highway of holiness which the redeemed follow Him on in triumph.

7). Christ comes up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat, the Valley of Decision, where the nations have been gathered and He walks up to the Mount of Olives and stands on the Mount as KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS AND VERY GOD OF VERY GOD. And

when He does all the nations that are in the Valley of Jehoshaphat are judged by Christ, Who separates the sheep from the goats. All of those who have not received the MARK OF THE BEAST and have taken care of His brethren, the Jews, will enter into His kingdom, but the goats who have not will be cast directly, immediately into the Lake of Fire. Tune in next week for the rest of the story describing this mighty battle that starts in Edom and goes all the way up to "multitudes, multitudes in the Valley of Decision!"

That is what is coming THEN, but right now there are also

"multitudes, multitudes in the Valley of Decision!"

WHOM WILL YOU SERVE?

CHRISTIANS MAY LOOK LIKE THE UNDERDOG NOW but absent from the body present with the Lord. The next time you see us we will be coming on white horses with the King of kings to rule and to reign with Him forever and ever.

You are in a valley of decision.

Make your decision today.

Bow the knee and say that Jesus is Lord, your Lord and your God.