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CHRIST AND ARMAGEDDON

I call upon the entire Protestant constituency who are listening in to pay close attention to this address. We are now in the very midst of the great Battle of Armageddon, which is wholly mental. The combatants are mental, the war material is mental, the battlefield is mental. St. John says, "there was war in heaven"—in the mental realm—and he speaks of the seventh angel throwing his vial "into the air."

The Battle of Armageddon, as will be shown, is between Christ and the dragon. It was inaugurated by Christ Jesus at his first appearing and it will be ended by Christ at his second appearing, which is imminent. It has continued without interruption since the days of Jesus, and we are now in the final stage of this great Battle. That Christ neither died nor left the earth is clearly set forth by the Apostle Peter in his sermon on the day of Pentecost. He said;

God hath raised (Christ) up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. (Acts 2:24)

The issue, the identity of the combatants, spoken of in the Bible as Christ and the dragon and the final outcome of the Battle of Armageddon, whose end is almost upon us, are now an open book to those who understand the "deep things of God." Christ "must reign until he hath put all enemies under his feet."

"What I say unto you I say unto all, Watch. - Christ Jesus
(Mark 13:37)

The Battle of Armageddon is mentioned only once in the Holy Bible, that is in Revelation 16:16. The description of the Battle of Armageddon— one of the most vivid, perhaps the most vivid word picture ever written— is contained throughout the entire Book of Revelation, written by the beloved disciple, John. This Book, called the Apocalypse, meaning the VISION, from a Greek word meaning to reveal or to uncover was written by John in the year A.D. 97, while he was an exile on the Isle of Patmos in the Aegean Sea. John's inspired portrayal— for the entire Vision of the Apocalypse was given to the beloved disciple John, by his Master and Teacher, Christ Jesus— describes every detail of the Battle of Armageddon; the issue; the personalities and characteristics of the combatants; the fierceness of the contest; its period of prolongation; and the final outcome.

Sir Isaac Newton, one of the most spiritual of the world's philosophers and

scholars, has this to say regarding the Book of Revelation:

For it is a part of this prophecy that it should not be understood before the last age of the world; and therefore it makes for the credit of the prophecy that it is not yet understood . . . The event will prove the Apocalypse; and this prophecy, thus proved and understood, will open the old prophets; and all together will make known the true religion and establish it. There is already so much of the prophecy fulfilled that as many as will take pains in this study may see sufficient instances of God's promise; but then, the signal revolution predicted by all the holy prophets will at once both turn men's eyes upon considering the predictions and plainly interpret them.

The central figure, the paramount character of the Apocalypse, is Christ. The opening sentence of this marvellous Book reads as follows:

The Revelation of Jesus Christ which, God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified *it* by his angel unto his servant John:

Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, end of all things that he saw. (Revelation 1:1 & 2)

The great Battle of Armageddon, which is titanic, is between Christ and the dragon. In the 12th chapter of Revelation we read;

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads, and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. (Revelation 12:3, 7, 8)

A detailed description of the dragon is given in the 13th chapter of Revelation. I will quote this superb and vivid portrayal in John's own words:

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who *is* like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty *and* two months.

And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

If any man have an ear, let him hear.

He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number *is* Six hundred threescore *and* six. (Revelation 13:1-11, 16-18)

The Issue, or cause of the struggle, is described in the 12th chapter of Revelation. This description follows in John's own words:

And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained

to be delivered.

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. (Revelation 12:1-5)

I spoke of the fierceness of the contest. On this topic, John writes:

And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man *child*.

And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

(Revelation 12:13-17)

A description of Christ, against whom the dragon wars, is given in the 1st chapter of Revelation:

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: . . .

And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

And in the midst of the seven candlesticks *one* like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

His head and *his* hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

I *am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. (Revelation 1:10-18.)

The period of the prolongation of "the struggle is indicated, both in the citation of metaphorical and mystical references to time, and in the opening of seven vials and seven seals, by seven angels, and the sounding of seven trumpets by these seven angels, which were the prelude to the letting loose of plagues on the earth. I quote:

And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.

And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; . . .

And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast *it* into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake. (Revelation 8: 2, 3, 5)

John continues;

And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. (Revelation 8:6)

Here follows a description of the woes following the sounding of the six trumpets. The record goes on:

But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets. (Revelation 10:7)

The result of the Battle is described in the 15th and 18th chapters of Revelation:

And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous,

seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, *and* over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous *are* thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true *are* thy ways, thou King of saints.

Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for *thou* only *art* holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:

And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles. . . . (Revelation 15:1-6.)

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. . . .

And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast *it* into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all. (Revelation 18:1-3, 21)

The final judgment of the great red dragon, the Serpent, is recorded in the 20th chapter of Revelation:

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, . . .

And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea. . . .

and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. Revelation 20;1, 2, 7, 8, 9 *and fire*, 10.)

The seventh Seal was opened, the seventh trumpet began to sound in 1776, when the American Federal Republic was established. St. John clearly designates the identity of the dragon in the 13th chapter of Revelation, 18th verse, already quoted:

Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number *is* Six hundred threescore *and* six.

The Roman numeral letter's on the tiara of the pope of Rome, the head of the Roman Catholic system, spell out this mystical number, namely, 666, which in Hebrew symbolical numbers signifies the sum total of evil.

Our Monroe Doctrine, written half a century after our nation was founded, decrees that the Roman Catholic system shall not be extended to any portion of the Western Hemisphere; and by that pronouncement the seeming power of Rome in the South American republics was destroyed. We behold today with awe and with Joy the execution of Christ's command, through our Monroe Doctrine, and the marvellous response of President Calles of Mexico and his government to begin the expulsion of the Roman Catholic system, root and branch, from the entire Western Hemisphere. Of this we shall speak next Wednesday.

In another talk, we shall continue St. John's portrayal of the heavenly state to be revealed when the dragon is cast out, and his miserable deceptions with him. John says:

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and* be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. (Revelation 21:3, 4.)

In *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, page 570, Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, says;

What if the old dragon should send forth a new flood to drown the Christ-idea? He can neither drown your voice with its roar, nor again sink the world into the deep waters of chaos and old night. In this age the earth will help the woman; the spiritual idea will be understood. Those ready for the blessing you impart will give thanks. The waters will be pacified, and Christ will command the wave.

In her article, "There is 'no Death," which appeared in the press of New York and other American cities last June, Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., says:

These are the latter days and foreshadow the second and imminent appearing of Christ. . .

Christ's disciples of today, like his beloved disciple John, who at Christ's first appearing cried out, "Come, Lord Jesus," — Christ's disciples of today, at this, his second and final appearing cry, Come, Lord Jesus, and they hear, "Behold, I come quickly, and my reward is with me." Spiritualized thought reveals this "reward," to be a wholly spiritual consciousness which will disclose the heaven and earth of God's creating, in which is "no sickness, sorrow, nor death," for the former thoughts which produced death "are passed away." Christ Jesus said, "I go," but "I will come again." He also left this comforting assurance to his followers, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." His disciples believe this and are looking for his imminent reappearing.
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