

ARMAGEDDON and the 3 FROGS quotes

1 “And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.” Revelation 16:16.

The Greek word “Armageddon” translates and means “a symbolic name” (see Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, Greek word #717). It is made up of the combination of two Hebrew words; “har” (#2022) which means “a mountain or range of hills”, and “megiddow” (#4023) which is a place in Palestine. This Palestinian valley of Megiddo is not very big, and therefore cannot possibly contain vast armies battling each other! Thus the word “Armageddon” is really just a symbol, and does not represent a literal place where a huge war occurs.

2 Armageddon is indeed connected with a ginormous conflict and battle. Yet this battle and controversy will not be fought with literal weapons, such as guns, tanks, aircraft, or armed forces. But it will be fought, has already begun to be fought, and will continue to grow in intensity until every person in the world becomes involved!

“And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.” Revelation 16:13-16.

This great battle is fought between two main forces: God, Christ, and His clean or righteous followers, versus the Devil, evil spirits, and his unclean or wicked followers. Thus Armageddon is a symbol describing this great controversy and conflict raging between God and Satan -- between truth and error. This spiritual battle will involve every person, and each must decide whom to follow — either Christ and truth, or the devil and error; and the end result will be either eternal life with Christ, or eternal destruction with Satan. And this battle began long ago in heaven.

“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. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” Revelation 12:7-9.

This final battle between truth and error is also portrayed in Revelation Chapters 12, 13, 14, & 18, and all humanity have entered into this battle today.

3 What represents these frogs which came out of the mouth of the Dragon, Beast, and False Prophet? A frog is an unclean amphibian (Leviticus 11:9-11). Frogs remain motionless and appear harmless, until an unsuspecting insect or small creature comes close enough, and then the frog opens its mouth and shoots out its tongue, grabbing and pulling them into their mouth to be eaten. And very few ever escape from being destroyed.

“Frogs...can nab a fly with remarkable speed — but the real secret of their bug-catching prowess is in the saliva.

“Sticky frog saliva is a non-Newtonian fluid. That means it can behave as both a liquid and a solid.

“This unusual combination of tongue and saliva allows a frog to catch insects, mice or even small birds faster than you can blink — five times faster, in fact. Once captured, the prey is yanked back toward the frog’s mouth at a force up to 12 times greater than gravity....the frog’s super-soft tongue stretches out like a bungee cord and splats against an insect. The tongue wraps around the insect and covers it with sticky saliva before the victim knows what hit it...When the slobbery tongue smacks its prey, the saliva becomes more liquid and spreads into all the cracks and crevices of its prey.

“As the frog retracts its tongue, the saliva thickens, making it harder for the prey to separate from the tongue....Once tongue and prey are inside the frog’s mouth, the saliva regains its watery properties. Then the frog’s eyeballs dip back into the mouth to scrape the meal off the tongue and down the throat.” LA Times, February 3, 2017, Science Section, article: What Makes A Frog’s Tongue So Sticky?, by Sean Greene, at <http://www.latimes.com/science/sciencenow/la-sci-sn-frog-tongues-saliva-20170203-story.html>, accessed 9-21-17.

The Dragon, Beast and False Prophet, like frogs, also appear harmless, but each uses their quick tongue to speak soft pliable words calculated to catch unsuspecting prey. Or in other words, they speak pleasing false doctrines, which catch people off-guards, but which binds them and pulls them within such unrighteous entities, and without God’s divine power to aid them, few if any ever escape from being destroyed.

4 Who represents the Dragon?

“And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world”. Revelation 12:9.

The Dragon represents the Devil or Satan. And what statements of erroneous belief and false doctrine have originated out of Satan's mouth?

“Ye shall not surely die”. Genesis 3:4.

God had told Adam and Eve that “in the day that thou eatest thereof [of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil] thou shalt surely die” (Genesis 2:17). But Satan spoke unclean words declaring that you can disobey God's commandment and not die, but still live forever! Or in other words, the immortality of the soul. And this great deceptive false doctrine of the immortality of the soul has brought millions into the bondage of error. And people, states, governments and nations will sadly continue to be held in bondage to these false teachings of the Devil until “all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, [are caused] 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”(Revelation 13:16-17), and all who refuse to do so “should be killed” (Revelation 13:15).

But some will refuse to follow the Devil's lies, because the Bible states that “here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus” (Revelation 14:12).

This Dragon represents Satan, and first unclean spirit that comes out of his mouth represents his lying teachings of spiritualism and paganism, especially the immortality of the soul.

5 Who represents the Beast?

Revelation 13 describes a Beast which arose out of the ruins of pagan Rome, united herself with paganism in order to increase her membership, and that ruled for 1260 prophetic days (Revelation 12:6), or 3 ½ prophetic years (Revelation 12:14), or 42 prophetic months (Revelation 13:3) each totaling 1260 literal years (see Numbers 14:34; Ezekiel 4:6). This Beast can be none other than the Roman Catholic Church (see our tract on The Beast for more information at <http://www.lightministries.com/Tracts/id171.htm>).

Roman Catholicism exalts the organized church above the individual conscience, and when there is a conflict between traditional church creed and the Bible, church tradition always assumes predominance over God's word of truth.

"The [first] objective [or formal] principle (of Protestantism) proclaims the canonical Scriptures, especially the New Testament to be the only infallible source and rule of faith and practice, and asserts the right of private interpretation of the same, in distinction from the Roman Catholic view, which declares the Bible and tradition to be co-ordinate sources and rule of faith, and makes tradition, especially the decrees of popes and councils, the only legitimate and infallible interpreter of the Bible." The Catholic Encyclopedia, Volume XIII, "Protestantism", Section I, 1 - Sola Scriptura ("Bible Alone"), Nihil Obstat, February 1, 1912 by Remy Lafort, D.D., Censor, Imprimatur. +John Cardinal Farley, Archbishop of New York, at <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/12495a.htm>, accessed 9-22-17).

"Like two sacred rivers flowing from paradise, the Bible and divine tradition contain the word of God, the precious gems of revealed truths. Though these two divine streams are in themselves, on account of their divine origin, of equal sacredness, and are both full of revealed truths, still of the two, tradition is to us more clear and safe." Catholic Belief, by Joseph Faa di Bruno, p 45.

"If we must choose between the Holy Scriptures of God, and the old errors of the church, we should reject the former." Johnan Faber (a defender of the Papacy) cited in History of The Reformation, by Merle d'Aubinge, book 11, Chapter 5, Paragraph 9.

6 One of the greatest false doctrines to come out of the mouth of the Roman Catholic Church is the belief that God's seventh-day Sabbath has been changed to Sunday!

"From this we may understand how great is the authority of the church in interpreting or explaining to us the commandments of God - an authority which is acknowledged by the universal practice of the whole Christian world, even of those sects which profess to take the holy Scriptures as their sole rule of faith, since they observe as the day of rest not the seventh day of the week demanded by the Bible, but the first day. Which we know is to be kept holy, only from the tradition and teaching of the Catholic church." Henry Gibson, Catechism Made Easy, # 2, 9th edition, vol. 1, p. 341-342.

"Sunday is founded, not of scripture, but on tradition, and is distinctly a Catholic institution. As there is no scripture for the transfer of the day of rest from the last to the first day of the week, Protestants ought to keep their Sabbath on Saturday and thus leave Catholics in full possession of Sunday." Catholic Record, September 17, 1893.

"The arguments...are firmly grounded on the word of God, and having been closely studied with the Bible in hand, leave no escape for the conscientious Protestant except the abandonment of Sunday worship and the return to Saturday, commanded by their teacher, the Bible, or, unwilling to abandon the tradition of the Catholic Church, which enjoins the keeping of Sunday, and which they have accepted in direct opposition to their teacher, the Bible, consistently accept her (the Catholic Church) in all her teachings. **Reason and common sense demand the acceptance of one or the other of these alternatives: either Protestantism and the keeping holy of Saturday, or Catholicism and the keeping holy of Sunday. Compromise is impossible.**" James Cardinal Gibbons, in Catholic Mirror, December 23, 1893.

7 Paul commends the noble Bereans because "they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11). Paul never asked the believers to accept doctrine based only on Apostolic authority. This is because God's word is the only supreme authority for all true religious beliefs, and not any traditional church creed, council or commandment of men.

"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." John 5:39.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

“To the law (Bible) and to the testimony (Spirit of Prophecy - Revelation 19:10): if they speak not according to this word, [it is] because there is no light in them.” Isaiah 8:20.

“Then said Jesus to those...which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:31-32.

8 Who represents the False Prophet?

A prophet claims to have received true messages from God, and then relays these messages to others (see Numbers 12:6; Deuteronomy 18:22). So then a false prophet would claim to be speaking true messages from God, when they are actually speaking error (see Jeremiah 14:14).

This False Prophet cannot refer to the Roman Catholic Church, for it has always claimed to accept tradition above Bible revelation. But the various churches of Protestantism have professed to follow the Bible and the Bible only as the basis of their faith and doctrine. Yet their practices reveal them to be following in the footsteps of Rome by exalting tradition and human opinion above the truth of God's word, and all the while claiming to be speaking the true messages of God! This makes them a false prophet who is speaking error yet claiming that it is truth from God Himself!

As this is true, then what deceptive message in particular is issuing out of the mouth of apostate Protestantism? That the law of God has been nailed to the cross of Christ and is no longer binding upon the Christian, because we are saved by faith alone! Yet law is the basis of all government, and since God is the Ruler of the universe, then fallen human beings are under His government, and therefore must keep every one of God's commandment law!

“For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of (breaking) all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.” James 2:10-11.

The claim of the various churches of Protestantism to be preaching the truths of God, while teaching for doctrines the commandments of men and casting away God's law, reveals them to be this False Prophet, and from the mouth of these apostate churches shoots forth the third unclean spirit that works to deceive all the world.

9 These 3 unclean spirits and doctrines work to deceive almost the whole world, and gather the people together for the last great battle of Armageddon. Thus all the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to decide for or against God and His law and truth (see Revelation 13:15-17).

As we have seen that the Devil declares that you can break God's law and not die, that Roman Catholicism declares that you can set aside God's Sabbath day law and keep Sunday instead, and that apostate Protestantism declares that God's law is no longer to be kept, then this clearly reveals the main focal point of this great war of Armageddon to be centered upon the law of God, and in particular the Sabbath of the fourth commandment. This is because this Sabbath commandment directly points to God - the Lawgiver as being our Creator, and hence to our obligation and duty as His creatures to render obedience to all His commands.

When in the final stages of this battle of Armageddon it appears that the forces of evil must surely prevail and God's obedient remnant people must soon seal their testimony with their blood, God's commandment keeping people will be delivered and all the workers of iniquity will be destroyed. This is because Christ Himself comes to save His obedient and faithful followers and take them home, while all the workers of iniquity are destroyed.

"And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book." Daniel 12:1.

"When once the master of the house is risen up...he shall say, I tell you, I know not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity." Luke 13:25, 27.

"Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers...the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low....He (Christ) will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of His people shall He take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it. And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is the Lord, we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation." Isaiah 25:5, 8-9.

10 There will be no neutral spectators in this battle of Armageddon. Each person will be found either with Satan, Catholicism and apostate Protestantism in making void God's law and reaping destruction, or among the faithful who live "by every word of God that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4; Deuteronomy 8:3), and who keep all of His commandments, and gain eternal life.

"Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." Revelation 22:14-15.

"How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him." 1 Kings 18:21.

"And if it seem evil unto YOU to serve the Lord, choose YOU this day whom ye will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the Lord....." Joshua 24:15-16.