

**NOTES:** At the resurrection of Christ there was a special resurrection, when many of the saints were raised from the dead, were seen of many, and were taken to heaven with Christ at His ascension. **Matthew 27:52-53; Ephesians 4:8.** So, just prior to Christ's second coming and the general resurrection of the righteous, many of the sleeping saints, and some colossal sinners (those that "pierced Him," **Revelation 1:7**), it seems, will be raised to witness His coming, and hear God's covenant of peace with His people.

This line of prophecy, therefore, brings us down to the resurrection of the righteous, which takes place at the second advent.

**16. What false message will go forth before destruction comes upon those unprepared for Christ's coming and kingdom?**

"For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. *For when they shall say, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_; then \_\_\_\_\_ destruction cometh upon them, . . . and they shall not escape.*" **1**

**Thessalonians 5:2-3**

**NOTE:** The so-called Christian nations will not go to Palestine merely to expel the Turks from the land. As in the crusades of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, the idea will be to rescue the **Holy Land from the Mohammedans**, and **make Jerusalem the center of a glorious kingdom**, with Christ as king. The Papacy itself, it is thought by some, will at this time remove its seat to Jerusalem, and issue a great peace proclamation, directing the nations to beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning-hooks, and calling upon all to come up to the mountain of the Lord, as described in **Isaiah 2:2-5** and **Micah 4:1-5**. Infatuated by the doctrine of a temporal millennium, many nations will join in the call, and say, "For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." **Isaiah 2:3**. But will be but the signal for the battle of Armageddon and the "sudden destruction" that is to overtake the world and bring to an end the present order of things. **See Revelation 19:17-21; Ezekiel 38:14-23; Ezekiel 39:17-22.** Toward this consummation passing events all indicate we are rapidly hastening.

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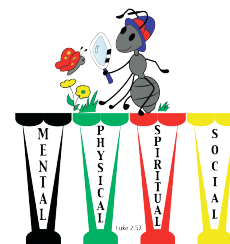
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**NOTE:** It would seem natural that the Ottoman government should make its last stand at Jerusalem. Around the city of the Holy Sepulcher and the tombs of the "saints" has been waged for long years a war between the followers of Islam and the believers in the Christian religion. In this place, many Bible students believe, Turkey will come to her end in fulfillment of this scripture.

**10. Under which of the seven last plagues is the water of the Euphrates (Turkey) to be dried up, and for what purpose?**

"And the \_\_\_\_\_ angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was *dried up, that the way of the kings of the East might be prepared.*" **Revelation 16:12**

**NOTE:** For years the drying-up process of the Turkish Empire has been in progress, as may be seen from the following:

- (1) In 1783 Turkey was compelled to surrender to Russia the territory of the Crimea, including all the countries east of the Caspian Sea.
- (2) In 1828 Greece secured her independence.
- (3) In 1830 Algeria was ceded to France.
- (4) In 1867 Turkey was forced to recognize the independence of Egypt.
- (5) In the same year Turkey lost possession of Servia and Bosnia.
- (6) In 1878 the Treaty of Berlin granted autonomous government to Bulgaria, and independence to Roumelia, Roumania, and Montenegro.
- (7) In 1912 Tripoli was taken over by Italy.
- (8) In 1912 and 1913 the Balkan States and Greece dispossessed Turkey of nearly all of her remaining territory in Europe.

**11. Under this plague, what incites the nations to war?**

"And I saw \_\_\_\_\_ *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* \_\_\_\_\_, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, *to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.*" **Revelation 16:13-14**

**12. At this time, what event is near at hand?**

"Behold, I \_\_\_\_\_ *as a* \_\_\_\_\_ Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame." **Revelation 16:15**

**13. To what place will the nations be gathered for battle?**

"And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue \_\_\_\_\_." **Revelation 16:16**

**NOTE:** Armageddon consists of a great triangular plain in northern Palestine, twelve by fifteen by eighteen miles, extending southeast from Mt. Carmel, otherwise known as the plain of Esdraelon, or valley of Jezreel. It has been the scene of many great battles, such as that of Gideon's overthrow of the Midianites (**Judges 6,7**), when "the Lord set every man's sword against his fellow;" of Saul's defeat by the Philistines (**1 Samuel 29:1; 1 Chronicles 10**); and of Josiah's defeat by Pharaoh Necho (**2 Kings 23:29,30; 2 Chronicles 35:20-24**); and, as this scripture indicates, it is the place where, under the influence of evil spirits just preceding Christ's second coming, the great armies of the world will be gathered for their final struggle and utter destruction under the seventh plague.

**14. When the king of the north comes to his end, what, according to the prophecy, is to take place?**

"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 \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_\_*, every one that shall be found written in the book." **Daniel 12:1**

**NOTE:** The expression "stand up" occurs eight times in this line of prophecy (**Daniel 11 and 12**), and in each case means *to reign*. See **Daniel 11:2,3,4,7, 14,20,21; 12:1**. Michael is Christ, as will be seen by comparing **Jude 9, 1 Thessalonians 4:16**, and **John 5:25**. When the Turkish Empire is brought to an end, therefore, the time will have come for Christ to receive His kingdom (**Luke 19:11-15**), and begin His reign. This great change will be ushered in by the downfall, not only of **Turkey, but of all nations** (**Revelation 11:15**); by the time of trouble here spoken of; by the seven last plagues described in **Revelation 16**; and by the deliverance of all God's people, -those whose names are found written in the book of life (**Revelation 3:5; Revelation 20:12**), -which shows that probation and the investigative judgment will then be past.

**15. What will take place at this time?**

"And many of them that \_\_\_\_\_ in the dust of the earth shall \_\_\_\_\_, some to everlasting \_\_\_\_\_, and some to shame and everlasting \_\_\_\_\_." **Daniel 12:2**