

ARMAGEDDON

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And they gathered them together into the place which is called in Hebrew Har-magedon. Rev 16:16. (ASV) The name of the final world battle of good against evil has been popularized by the King James Bible as "Armageddon", which John said was a Hebrew word. There is no "H" in the Greek, only a breathing sound. The result of not translating the breathing mark from the Greek resulted in no "H" at the beginning of the word in the KJ Bible. (See Agar for Hagar, Gal 4:24, 25) Newer versions have corrected the problem. Scholars today transliterate the Greek to Modern Hebrew to English resulting in the phrase mountain of Megiddo (Strong's H2022 & H4023). However, in the 12 scriptures using the Hebrew word Megiddo (H4023), there is no Mountain of Megiddo, only a valley or plain of Megiddo, or a city. Thayer adds even more confusion: *...it is not easy to perceive what can be the meaning of the mountain of Megiddo, which could be none other than Carmel...*

The problem is with the Greek Gamma (g). It does not match the Hebrew ayin (e), which in modern Hebrew is silent. For the solution, see Gesenius, p. 597, published by Baker Book House. Gesenius states: *While Hebrew was a living language, it would seem that this letter, which is peculiar to the Phoenicio-Shemitic languages, and is very difficult of pronunciation to our organs, had...a double pronunciation...* (In Ancient Hebrew the two sounds each had a letter). *One appears more gently sounded, with a gentle guttural breathing...the other, the harder Ain, which the Arabs call Ghain, was a harsh sound, uttered in the bottom of the throat, together with a kind of whirring, so that it came very near to the letter r; and this the LXX [70] generally expressed by the letter Γ [gamma - G, g].* Example Gomorrah: Greek = Γομορρα; Hebrew = עֲמֹרָה transliterated to English = 'amorah - the 'u' being silent would not have a consonant. "Har is easy - it means *mountain* (H2022) in English. So the transliteration will focus only on "Megedon". The ending of the word "on" is peculiar to the Greek only, so it is dropped, and since there are no vowel forms in Hebrew, they are dropped also. The results are below:

The Greek: μ ε γ ε δ ω ν (Reads from left to right)
 m g d

The Hebrew: מ ג ד (reads from right to left)
 d g m (incorrect modern transliteration)

The Hebrew: מ צ ד (correct ancient transliteration)
 d silent m

Therefore, the Greek consonants from μ α γ ε δ ο ν would be rendered in the Hebrew as מ צ ד (in reverse), or in English as **m-silent-d**. When the vowels are added, the transliteration of the Hebrew would be "mo'ed." Thus the phrase "Har Mo'ed" (הַר מוֹעֵד) is the result of the transliteration. The Hebrew phrase is used one time in the Old Testament in Isa 14:13: *... I will sit also upon the mount (H2022) of the congregation (H4150), in the sides of the north: The phrase sides of the north is used one other place in the KJ Bible: Ps 48:2: *Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.* Contrasted here are two kings. The King of Babylon (Isa 14:4) says that he will sit in Jerusalem, in the temple (2Th 2:3-4), located in northern Jerusalem in Old Testament times. And Psalms says that it is the city of the great King, which we know to be Jesus Christ. But where in the city will the King of Babylon sit? Isaiah 14 is a parable (verse 4), so we have to think in metaphors.*

Zechariah 6:12-13: *12. And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaks the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The Branch; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord: Even he shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne:...*

The Branch is a metaphor for the Son of God (Isa 11:1; Jer 23:5, 6), and he shall build the temple. In the book of Hebrews it is stated that the tabernacle and its services are a parable: **Hebrews 9:8-9:** *8. This signifying the spirit of the Holy, [that] not yet has been made manifest the way of the holy [places], the first tabernacle still having a standing; 9. which is a parable for the present time, in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered, not being able to perfect the conscience of him who serves.* (From a Greek Interlinear) [necessary for English] The tabernacle services performed according to the letter of the law could not cleanse the conscience of the sinner bringing a sacrifice (Heb 9:9; 10:2). These services are to be viewed allegorically after the cross which reveal the process that God uses to cleanse the conscience of dead works (Heb 9:14), of those who have ears to hear.

The “sides of the north” on which the King of Babylon says he will sit is on the north side of the first apartment (1st holy place) in the tabernacle, the location of the table of show bread (Ex26:35). In other studies it has been shown that the two piles of bread, six in a pile (Lv 24:5-9), are a figure of the pre-incarnate and incarnate Son of God (cf Jn 6:51). A King of Babylon (confusion) says in his heart, “I will exalt my throne..., I will be like the Most High.” (Isa 14:13, 14) When a person does this, who is in total confusion about the Father and the Son, that person in type, adds a third six to the table - 666 (Rv 13:18).

The Hebrew word (*sapan*, H6828) for “north” has an interesting aspect. The proper meaning is *hidden*, i.e. *dark*, from the root (*sapan*, H6845) which means *to hide*. The table of show bread, viewed through the eyes of man, appears only as bread. When viewed through the eyes of God, it reveals an understanding of the Son of God and the connection to the number of the beast (666), which is a number of a man- not a system, nor a particular antiChrist to come in the last days. It is anyone rejecting the truth about Jesus - the anointed One.

Jesus warned: **Mark 13:3-6:** *3. And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, 4. Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled? 5. And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you: 6. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.* The deception today dominates and is world-wide. The spiritual battle is in type that battle which takes place at the table of show bread in the minds of mankind. The war over who is the Son of God has raged ever since His appearance on the earth. Har-Magedon, the sixth plague (Rv 16:12-16), is metaphor of the final battle between those who will not give up their false beliefs about Jesus, and those who will hold to the truth of the Bible. Do you understand as the Spirit has shown you in the Bible? Or, is your understanding from organized religion?

Ezekiel 33:1-6: *1. Again the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 2. Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: 3. If when he sees the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; 4. Then whosoever hears the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. 5. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand. Amen.*