



*Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship*

*Every word inspired.*



*Every word proclaimed.*

*"We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ." Col 1:28*

**Looking Ahead –**

August 12, 19, 26 – No Class.

Sept. 3 – No Class – Labor Day.

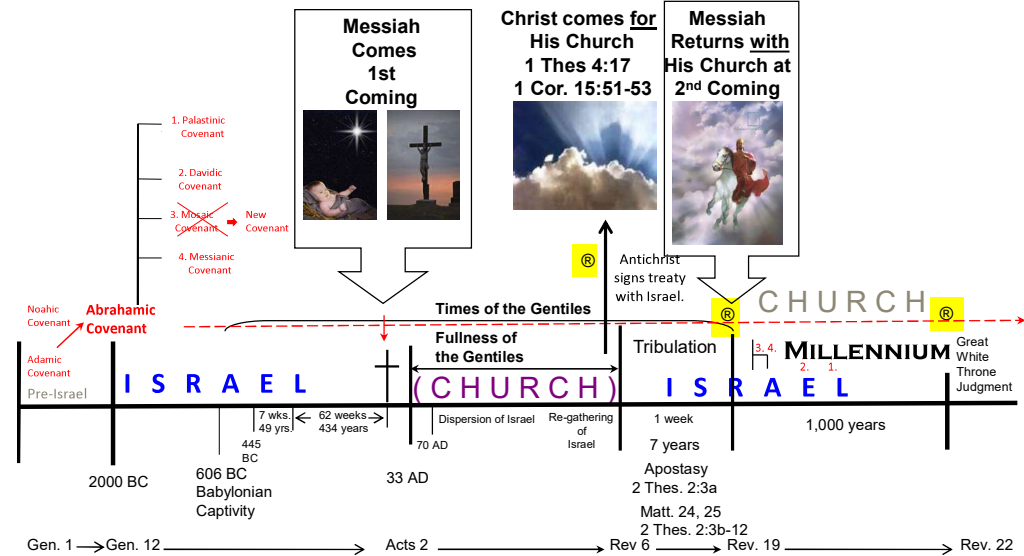
Sept. 9 – Class – we resume our regular weekly schedule.

**"The Sharp Sickle"**

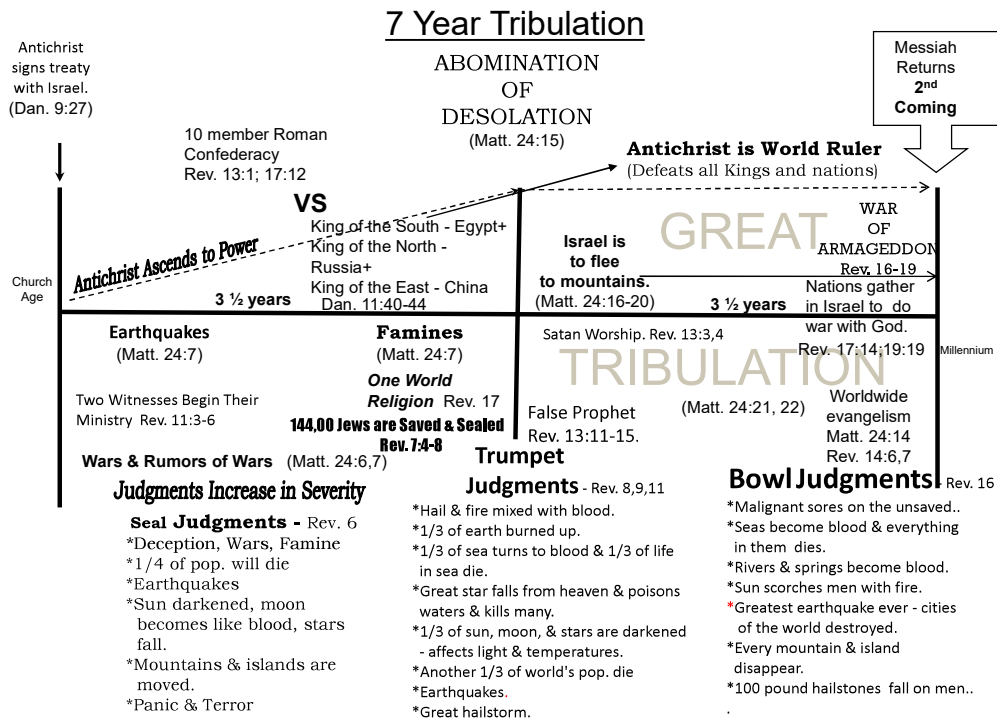
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## Dan 7:13

3 "I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming,

## Matt 24:30

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.

## Matt 26:64

64 Jesus said to him, "You have said it yourself; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you will see THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN."

## Acts 1:9-11

9 And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

10 And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them.

11 They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

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## 2 words for “crown” -

διαδεμα – diadema - royal crown. Worn by one in a sovereign ruling position.

στεφανος - stephanos - crown of the victor, the runner's crown. Worn by one who has conquered.

- This pictures the Son of Man coming to conquer His enemies.
- This was a crown that was made out of olive branches, worn on festive occasions, worn for wars and great athletic events by the victors. This is the crown of triumph that is referred to a number of times in the New Testament.



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### Why the sharp sickle in his hand?

- The seven seals.
- The seven trumpets.
- The abomination of desolation.
- The persecution of Israel has escalated.
- The execution and martyrdom of Christians.
- The whole earth and sky is devastated by divine judgment, divine vengeance.
- Satan is ruling the earth with the iron fist of Antichrist, aided by the false prophet.
- The whole world is deceived into worshiping the Antichrist.

### Look at the contrast between the 2 comings -

#### First Coming

He came as a servant.

He came as one obeying.

He came in a small  
obscure town.

He came in humility.

He came to seek and  
save the lost.

He came as the sower.

He came in grace.

#### Second Coming

He will come as a sovereign King

He will come as one commanding.

He will come with all His  
holy angels to take over the  
whole earth.

He will come in glorious  
majesty and splendor.

He will come to judge and  
sentence the lost.

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*The sickle was a harvesting tool with a razor sharp, curved steel or iron blade and a wooden handle, commonly used in the Bible by farmers to cut grain. In our passage it represents swift and devastating judgment.*







- Notice how active the hosts of Heaven are becoming.
  - ✓ The four horsemen in chapter 6 were called by angels,
  - ✓ The seven trumpets were blown by angels,
  - ✓ Satan and his demons were defeated by angels
  - ✓ The seven bowls will be poured out by angels.
  - ✓ Armageddon is announced by an angel.
  - ✓ Satan is bound by an angel.
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  - The angel is a messenger from God the Father relaying that “now” is the time. Much like Rev. 4 when the scroll was passed from the Father to the Son.

### “Put in . . .”

πεμπω – pempo – to thrust, to wield, to dispatch.

- Reaping is often symbolic of death and destruction.

### “the hour to reap has come”

John likes to use the term “hour” - meaning everything has its hour:

- Jesus had His hour when He went to the cross (John 7:30; John 8:20; John 12:23; John 12:27; John 13:1; John 17:1).
- The earth must face its hour of trial (Revelation 3:10).
- The ten kings of the beast will have their hour (Revelation 17:12).
- Great Babylon will have its hour. (Revelation 18:10; Revelation 18:17; Revelation 18:19).
- Here the hour of judgment has come.

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### 3 reasons why the earth is “ripe”:

1. The world has rejected the gospel for the last time.
2. Sin and evil are at their peak.
3. All of humanity and the totality of the fallen angelic realm are in a full satanic revolt against God, His Son, His Spirit, and the truth of His Word.



**The Grain Harvest (14-16)**

**The Grape Harvest (17-20)**

**The Bowl Judgments**

**The War of Armageddon**

**Rev. 16**

**Rev. 19**

**The Grain is Ripe**

**The Grapes are Ripe**

**“This is the time for unbelievers to be gathered and judged.”**

**Matt 13:24-30**

24 Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field.

25 "But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away.

26 "But when the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the tares became evident also.

27 "The slaves of the landowner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'

28 "And he said to them, 'An enemy has done this!' The slaves said to him, 'Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?'

29 "But he said, 'No; for while you are gathering up the tares, you may uproot the wheat with them.

30 'Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

**Joel 3:12-13**

12 Let the nations be aroused

And come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat,

For there I will sit to judge

All the surrounding nations.

13 Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe.

Come, tread, for the wine press is full;

The vats overflow, for their wickedness is great.

**Matt 13:37-42**

37 And He said, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man, 38 and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one;

39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels.

40 "So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age.

41 "The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness,

42 and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**Matt 13:49-50**

49 "So it will be at the end of the age; the angels will come forth and take out the wicked from among the righteous,

50 and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

*\*\*Note that while the angels gather the tares for judgment, the righteous are left on earth where the kingdom will be established.*

## Matt 25:31-34

- 31 "But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.
- 32 "All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats;
- 33 and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left.
- 34 "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

**In one swath the earth was reaped. In one broad cut the ungodly are brought down, Amazing!**

- The goats of Matt. 25 are judged
- The tares of Matt. 13 are judged.
- The wicked of Luke 11 are judged.
- The depraved of Rom. 1 are judged.
- The self-righteous religious hypocrites of Matt, 23 are judged.

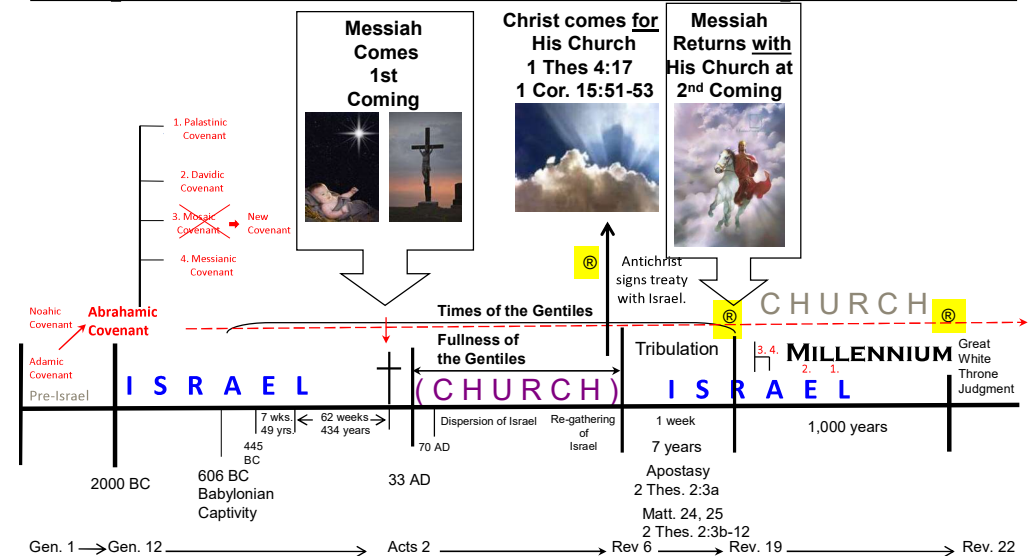
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***What is left is the sheep, the wheat, the saved, the righteous, who will now populate the Millennial kingdom.***

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### **Rev 8:3-5**

3 Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne.

4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand.

5 Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

\*\*This is an angel coming from the altar to see that the prayers of the saints are answered.

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### **Deut 32:32-33**

32 "For their vine is from the vine of Sodom,  
And from the fields of Gomorrah;  
Their grapes are grapes of poison,  
Their clusters, bitter.

33 "Their wine is the venom of serpents,  
And the deadly poison of cobras.



## 2 Kinds of “ripening” -

ξηραίνω – xeraino – to be ripe by drying up. (15)

ακμαζω - akmazo – to be ripe by being plump and bursting with juice. (18)

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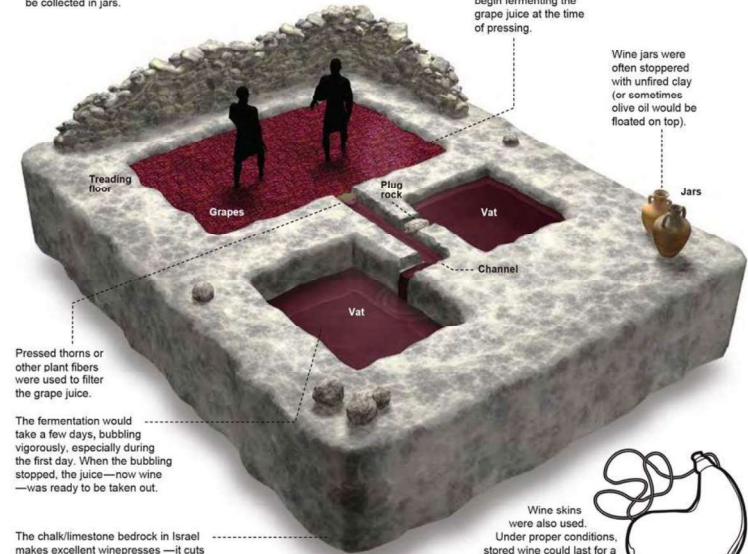


## A Winepress in Ancient Israel

An ancient winepress was a rock-hewn open-air system. Grapes were pressed by being trodden underfoot in a treading floor. The juice would pour through a channel into a vat, where it would ferment. It would then be collected in jars.

The yeast from the skin of the grapes would begin fermenting the grape juice at the time of pressing.

Wine jars were often stoppered with unfired clay (or sometimes olive oil would be floated on top).



Pressed thorns or other plant fibers were used to filter the grape juice.

The fermentation would take a few days, bubbling vigorously, especially during the first day. When the bubbling stopped, the juice—now wine—was ready to be taken out.

The chalk/limestone bedrock in Israel makes excellent winepresses—it cuts easily and holds liquid well.

Wine skins were also used. Under proper conditions, stored wine could last for a year. If left exposed, it would soon turn to vinegar.

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- This is describing the blood-bath of the Battle of Armageddon.
- All of the armies of the earth will be assembled in the valley of Har-Meggido to do battle with Israel and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- As the grapes are no match for the weight put upon them, causing them to burst, so the weight of the Lord Jesus Christ upon wicked, evil men, will cause them to burst and their blood will be everywhere.
- The reason the wicked are destroyed outside the city is that this is where accursed and unclean things are taken for disposal.

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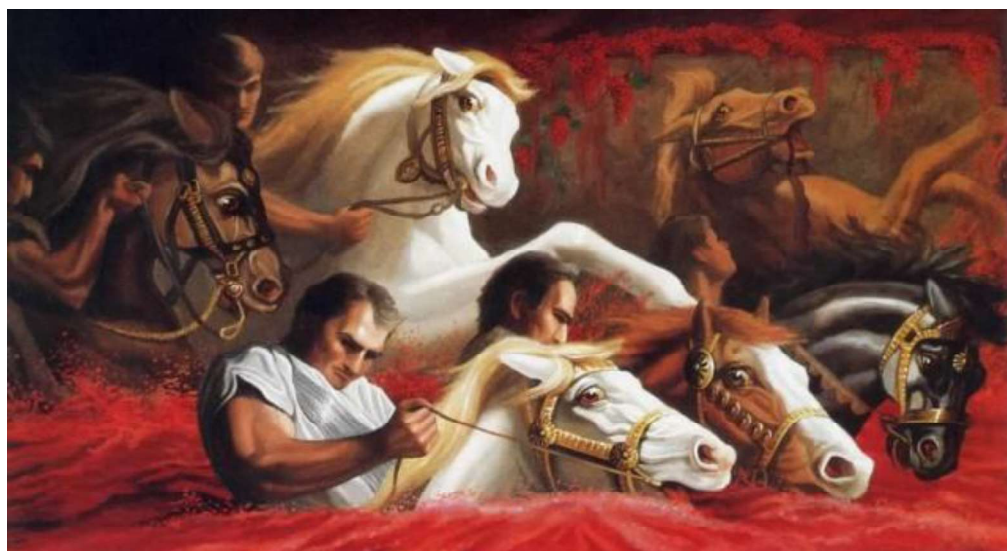
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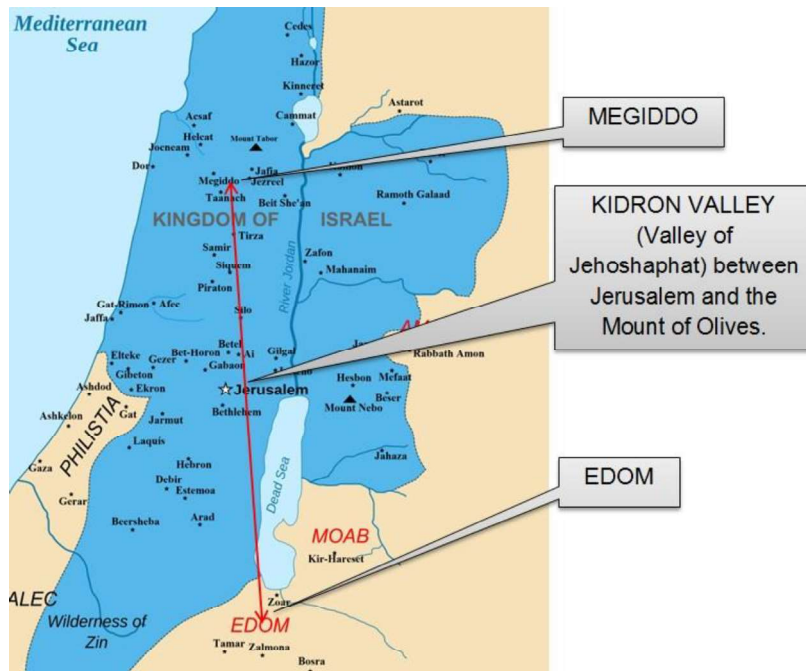
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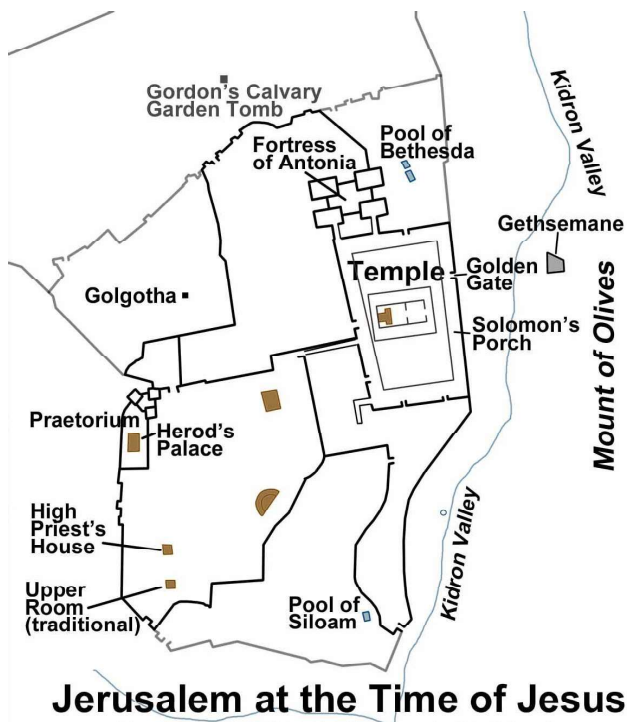
“The winepress trodden outside the city with the blood coming out from the press refers to the gathering of the armies of the nations to Megiddo in the north of Jerusalem for the great battle with the Lord Jesus Christ as described in Revelation 19:17-19 and Joel 3. This will result in the bloodiest battle and carnage of human flesh the world has ever known. From this battle blood will flow, like grape juice from a winepress, from the north of Palestine at Megiddo down the Jordan Valley through the whole land of Palestine.”

## Rev 14:14-20

- 14 Then 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, "Put in your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe."
- 16 Then 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 Then 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 So 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, and blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses' bridles, for a distance of two hundred miles.







You must calculate and include the following information:

- Battle area - Valley of Jehoshaphat (600 feet wide at top / 20 miles long). The Kedron Brook flows through the valley and is on average 3 feet wide (we will round up and say 5 feet)
- Average height of a horse 14.2 hands (or 4 feet 10 inches - we will round up to 5 feet)
- Flowing blood 180 miles or 950,400 feet.
- Amount of blood in human body 6 quarts or 1.5 gallons.

Answer #1 = Minimum width using Kedron Brook.  
length (flowing blood) 950,400 feet  
x  
depth (horses bridle) 5 feet  
x  
width (Kedron Brook) 5 feet  
x  
7.48 (Convert cubic foot to gallons)  
/  
1.5 (Gallons in human body)  
=  
**Death toll of 118,483,200**

Answer #2 = Let's solve this another way. Right now there are approximately 7 billion people on earth. Let's say 1 billion are raptured.

That leaves 6 billion.

25% (1.5 billion) will die in famine and disease.

This leaves 5.5 billion.

1/3 (1.8 billion) will die during trumpet #6.

This leaves roughly 2.7 billion people on earth. Let's say 2 million die during the other periods of judgement just to give us a round 2.5 billion people left on earth. All who will fight and die in the battle of Armageddon. That means...

2.5 billion people

x

1.5 gallons of blood

/

7.48 (Convert gallons to cubic feet)

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depth (horses bridle) 5 feet

/

length (flowing blood) 950,400 feet

=

Width of flowing blood stream

106 feet / **35 yards** / .020 miles

This vivid picture of judgment was the inspiration for *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*.

***Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,  
He is trampling out the vineyard where the grapes of wrath  
are stored,  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift  
sword, His truth is marching on!***

“Let us consider the biblical portrayal of the size of this disaster: this river of blood is 184 miles long, and its depth is the height of a horse’s bit. Now, if a horse’s bit is four feet high, we can calculate the volume required to fill a blood stream of varying widths, and as we know that the typical quantity of blood in a person is six quarts, we can then calculate how many people it would take to supply the blood. The blood from one billion human beings would make a stream not even twenty yards wide over this length of 184 miles (a trough 4’ deep with radiused sides would average 53 feet in width to hold the blood from one billion humans). If these figures are taken literally—and surely, when we recognize the literality of fulfilled prophecy in Daniel, they must be—then it is clear that God portrays the slaying of all unregenerate mankind. Notably, as the width is not given, we cannot determine the population of the earth at this time.”

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**DOROTHY ANN THRUPP**

**1779-1847**

The composer Dorothy Ann Thrupp was born June 20, 1779, in London, and died in the same city in 1847. She compiled several hymnbooks for children. Little is known about her but a great story is told about this hymn.

One Christmas Eve, Ira D. Sankey, the famous hymn writer and friend of Dwight L. Moody, was traveling by steamboat up the Delaware River. Asked to sing, Mr. Sankey sang this hymn we are looking at tonight. After the song had ended, a man with a rough, weather-beaten face came up to Mr. Sankey and said: "Did you ever serve in the Union Army?"

"Yes," answered Mr. Sankey, in the spring of 1860.

"Can you remember if you were doing picket duty on a bright, moonlit night in 1862?"

"Yes," answered Mr. Sankey, seeming very much surprised.

"So did I," said the stranger, "but I was serving in the Confederate army. When I saw you standing at your post I said to myself: 'That fellow will never get away from here alive.' I raised my musket and took aim. I was standing in the shadow completely concealed, while the full light of the moon was falling upon you."

"At that instant, you raised your eyes to heaven and began to sing. Music, especially song, has always had a wonderful power over me, and I took my finger off the trigger. 'Let him sing his song to the end,' I said to myself. 'I can shoot him afterwards. He's my victim at all events, and my bullet cannot miss him.'"

The singer continued: "But the song you sang then was the song you sang just now. I heard the words perfectly:

*We are Thine, do Thou befriend us,  
Be the guardian of our way.*

"Those words stirred up many memories in my heart. I began to think of my childhood and my God-fearing mother. She had many, many times sung that song to me. But she died all too soon, otherwise much in my life would no doubt have been different.

"When you had finished your song it was impossible for me to take aim at you again. I thought: 'The Lord who is able to save that man from certain death must surely be great and mighty' and my arm of its own accord dropped limp at my side."

The hymn written by Dorothy Thrupp and sang by Ira Sankey was ...

### SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us,  
Much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use Thy folds prepare.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus!  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus!  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

2. We are Thine, Thou dost befriend us,  
Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,  
Seek us when we go astray.

3. Hear, O hear us when we pray.  
Thou hast promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse and power to free.

4. Early let us seek Thy favor,  
Early let us do Thy will;  
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,  
With Thy love our bosoms fill.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus!  
Thou hast loved us, love us still.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus!  
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

*\*\*Just as sheep need a shepherd to guide them, so mankind needs divine guidance in this life. Christ is the Great Shepherd, and He wants us to be His sheep by following Him. Therefore, in our prayers we should call upon the Lord and plead with Him, "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us."*