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“The armies of all nations will be gathered in the area of Israel, especially around Jerusalem. Think of it: at least 200 million soldiers from the Orient, with millions more from the forces of the West...

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“Messiah Jesus will first strike those who have ravaged His city, Jerusalem. Then he will strike the armies amassed in the Valley of Meggido. No wonder blood will stand to the horses' bridles for a distance of two

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**hundred miles from
Jerusalem! (Revelation
14:20)” (Hal Lindsey,
The Final Battle, 1995,
pgs. 251-252).**

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“While this great battle is raging, every city in the world is going to be levelled... The earth could be shaken either by a literal earthquake or by a full-scale nuclear exchange of all remaining missiles.”

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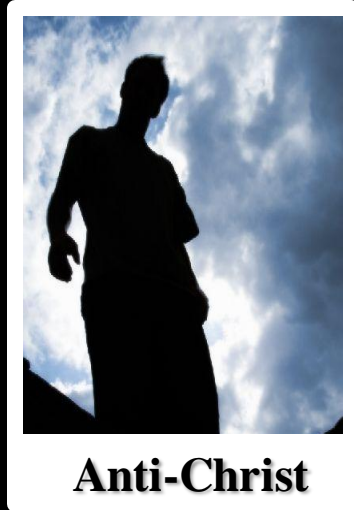
“I lean towards the nuclear conflict; I believe that when these powers lock forces here, there will be a full-scale exchange of nuclear weapons, and its at this time that ‘the cities of the nations fall’” (Hal Lindsey, *There’s A New World Coming*, 1973, pg. 237).

IS ARMAGEDDON IMMINENT?

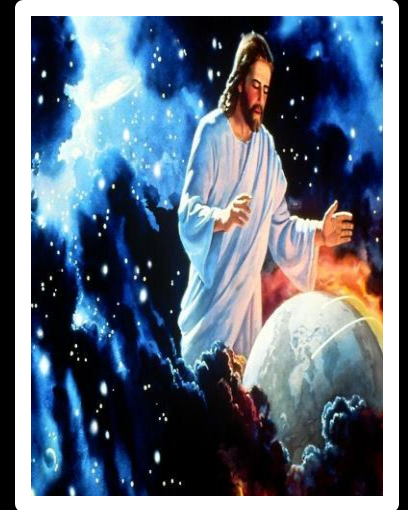


“I’ve never named a day or time, but I can tell you this: Prophecy is on fast forward. I do believe we live in the generation that will see Armageddon” (Hal Lindsey, as quoted in *National Review*, Nov. 19, 1990, pg. 49).

DISPENSATIONAL PREMILLENNIALISM



Anti-Christ



7 Years

**The
Rapture**

**The
Tribulation**

**Battle of
Armageddon**

**The 1000
Reign of
Christ**

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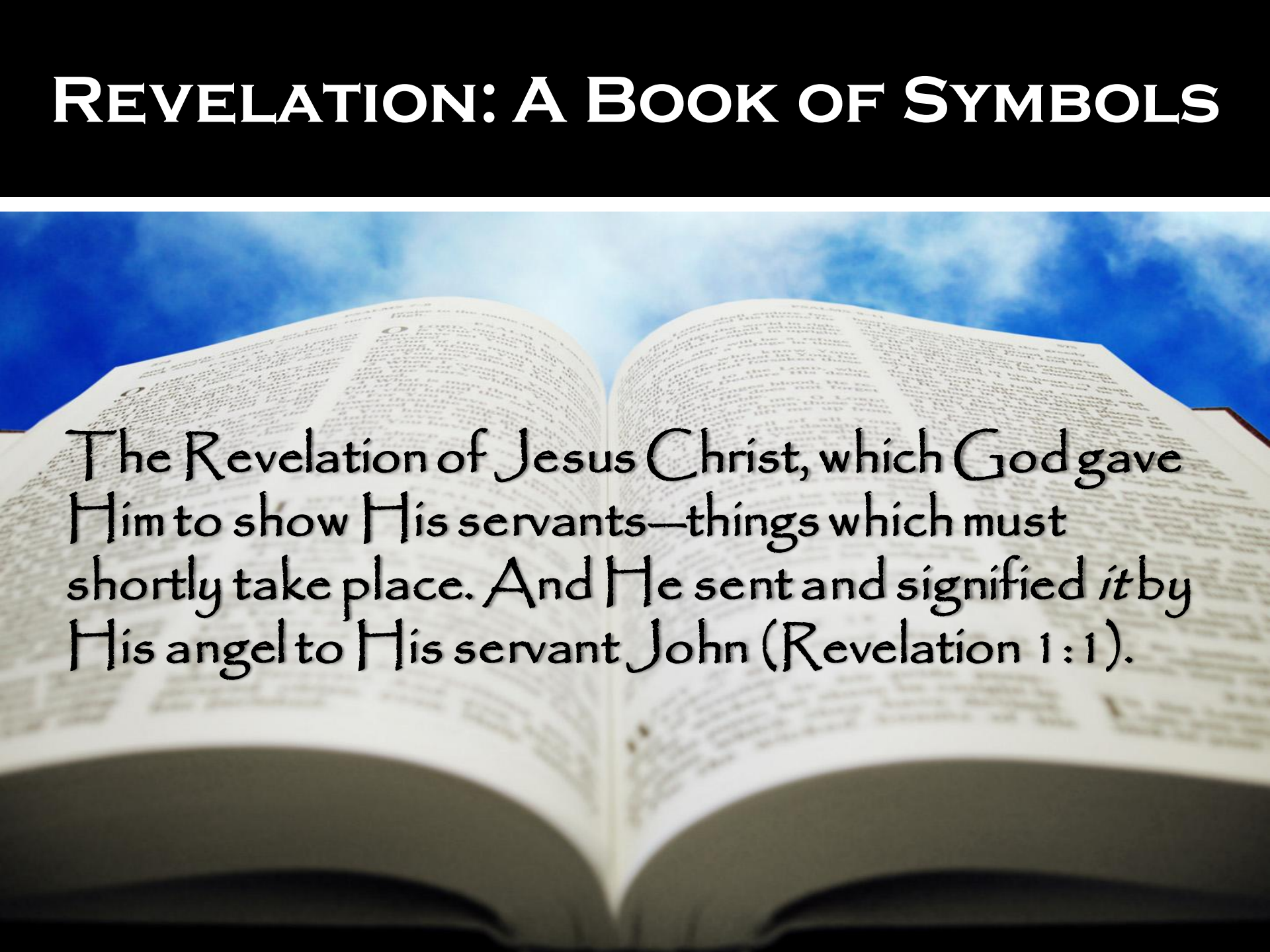
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ARMAGEDDON IS NOT A CARNAL, MILITARY BATTLE!



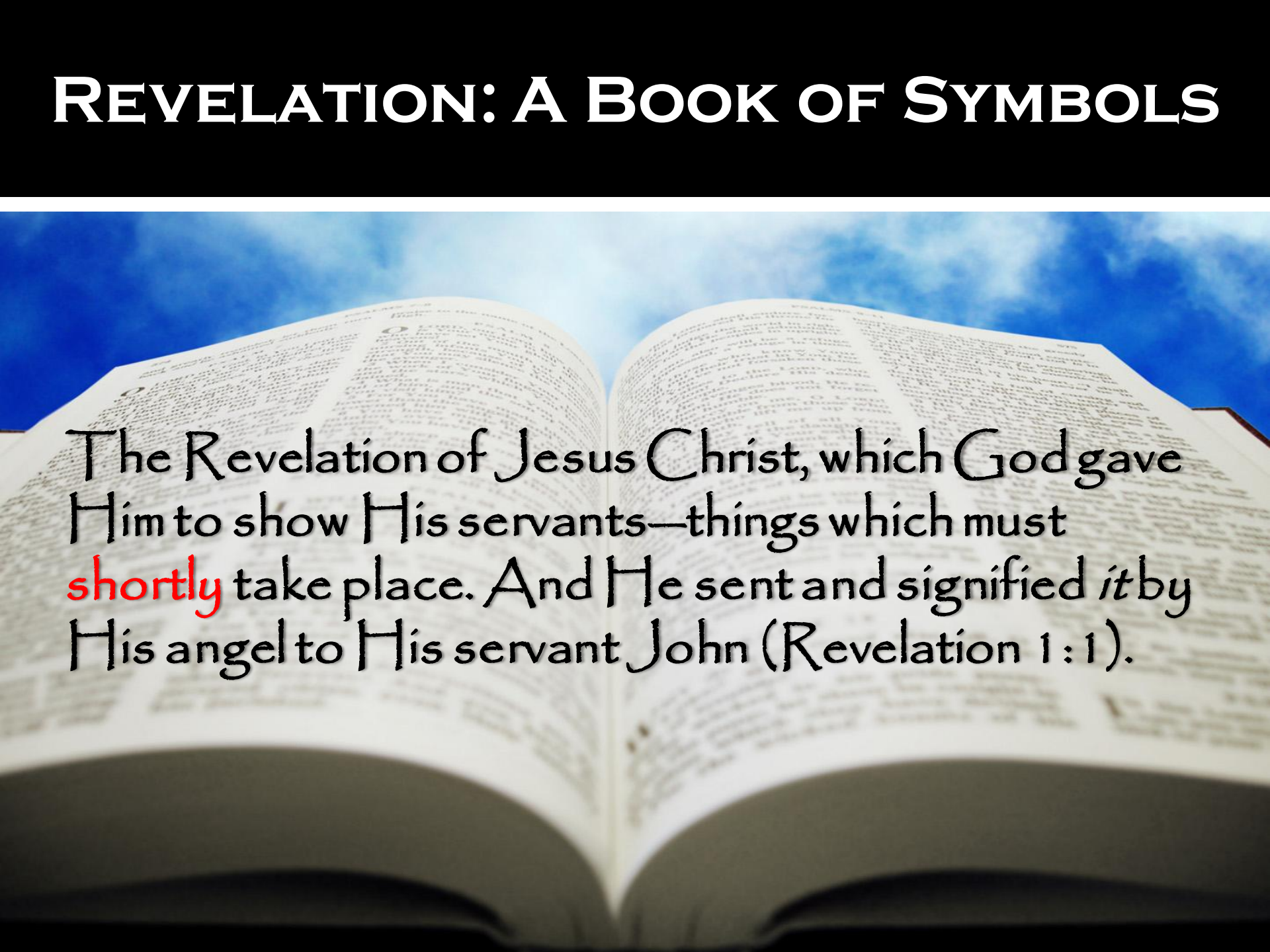
- 1. Jesus Christ forbade such (Matt. 26:51-53)!**
- 2. The Kingdom of God is not a national, political state defended by force of arms (John 18:35-38).**
- 3. The Church's war is not fought with carnal weapons (2 Cor. 10:3-6).**

REVELATION: A BOOK OF SYMBOLS

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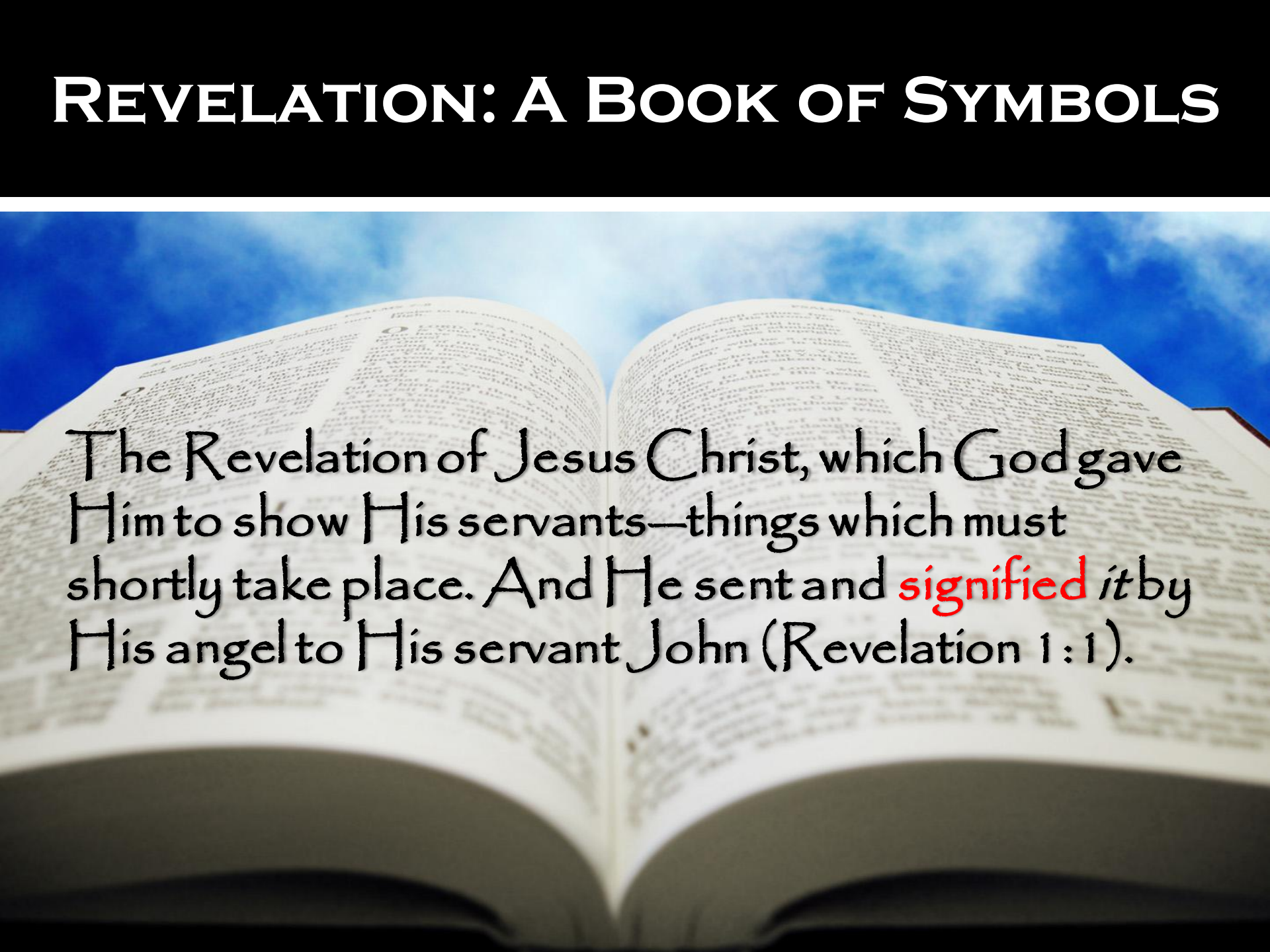
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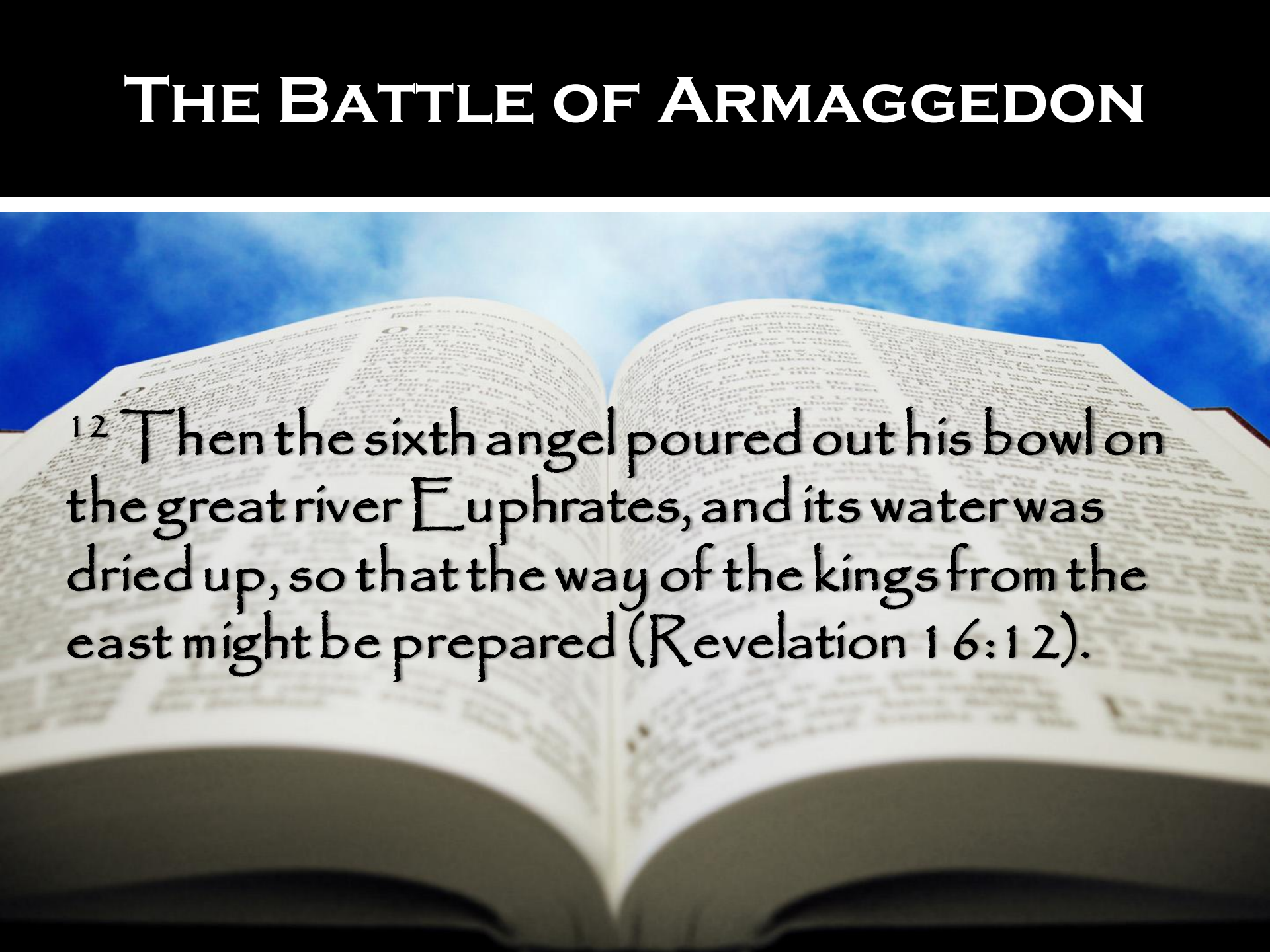
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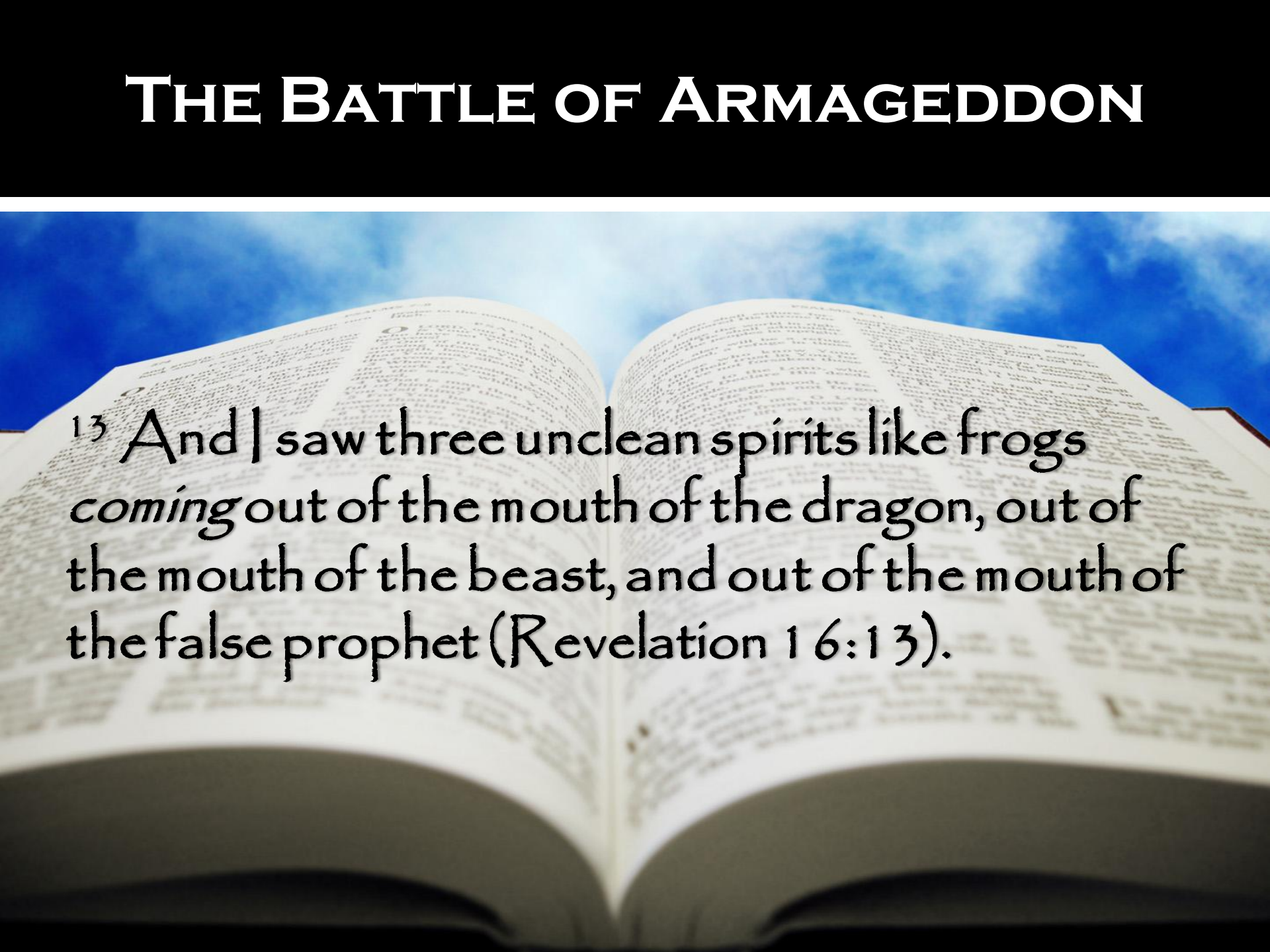
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¹² Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared (Revelation 16:12).

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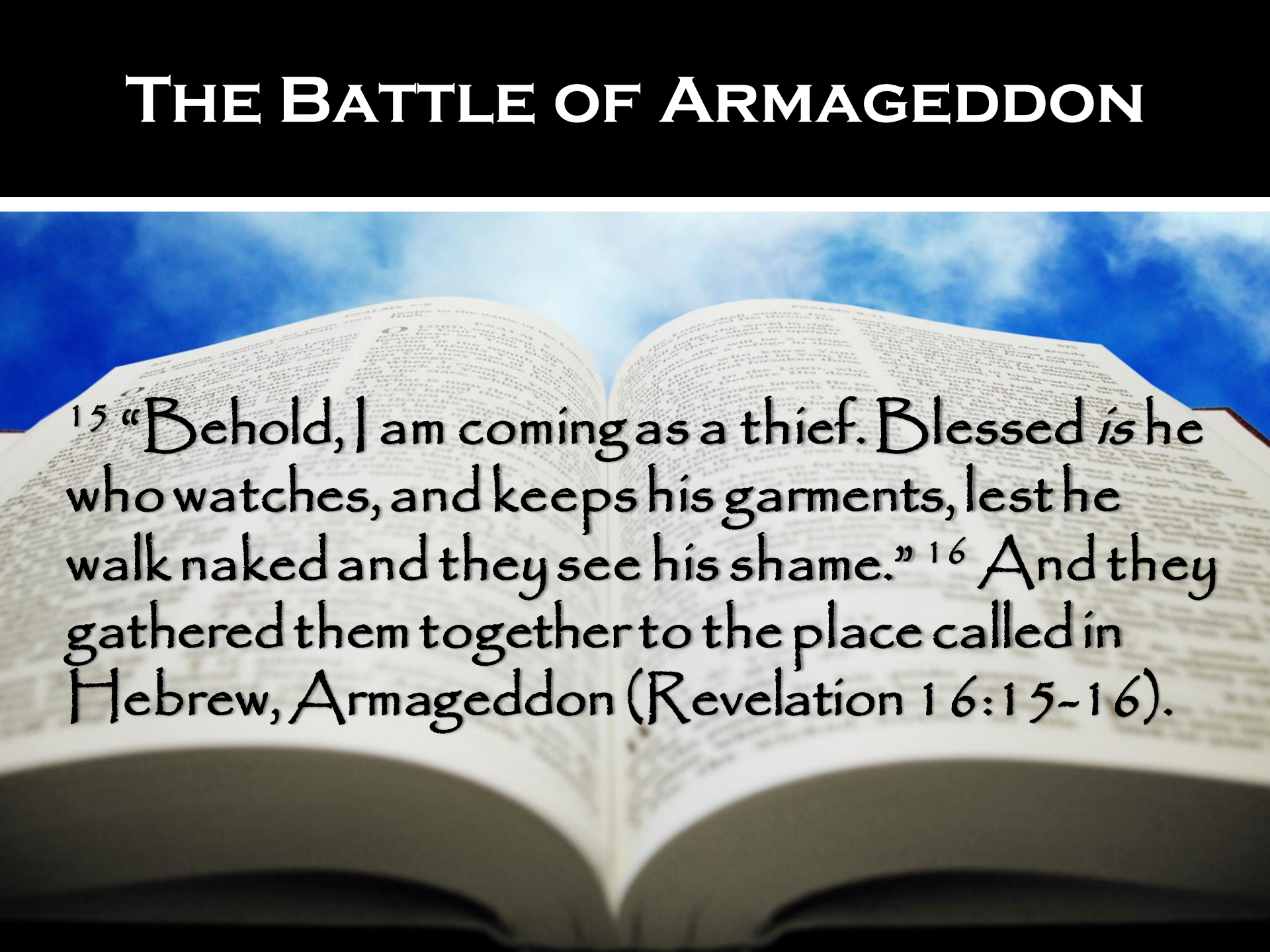


¹³ And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *coming* out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet (Revelation 16:13).

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¹⁴ For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, *which* go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty (Revelation 16:14).

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¹⁵ “Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.” ¹⁶ And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon (Revelation 16:15-16).

LITERAL FROGS?

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ARMAGEDDON = “MOUNT OF MEGIDDO”



MEGIDDO: WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS BATTLEFIELD

1. Deborah & Barak defeated the Canaanites (Judg. 4).
2. Gideon defeated the Midianites (Judg. 7).
3. Solomon built fortified stables (1 Kings 9:15).
4. Josiah was killed in battle with the Egyptians (2 Kings 23:29).



WHAT IS ARMAGEDDON?

THREE VIEWS:



- 1. Symbol of the on-going struggle between good and evil.**
- 2. Symbol of the destruction of Rome in 476 A.D.**
- 3. Symbol of the Judgment Day.**

“AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT”

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42 “Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into” (Matthew 24:42-43).



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44 “Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect” (Matthew 24:44).



“AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT”

¹ But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. ² For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night (1 Thessalonians 5:1-2).



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¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up (2 Peter 3:10).



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